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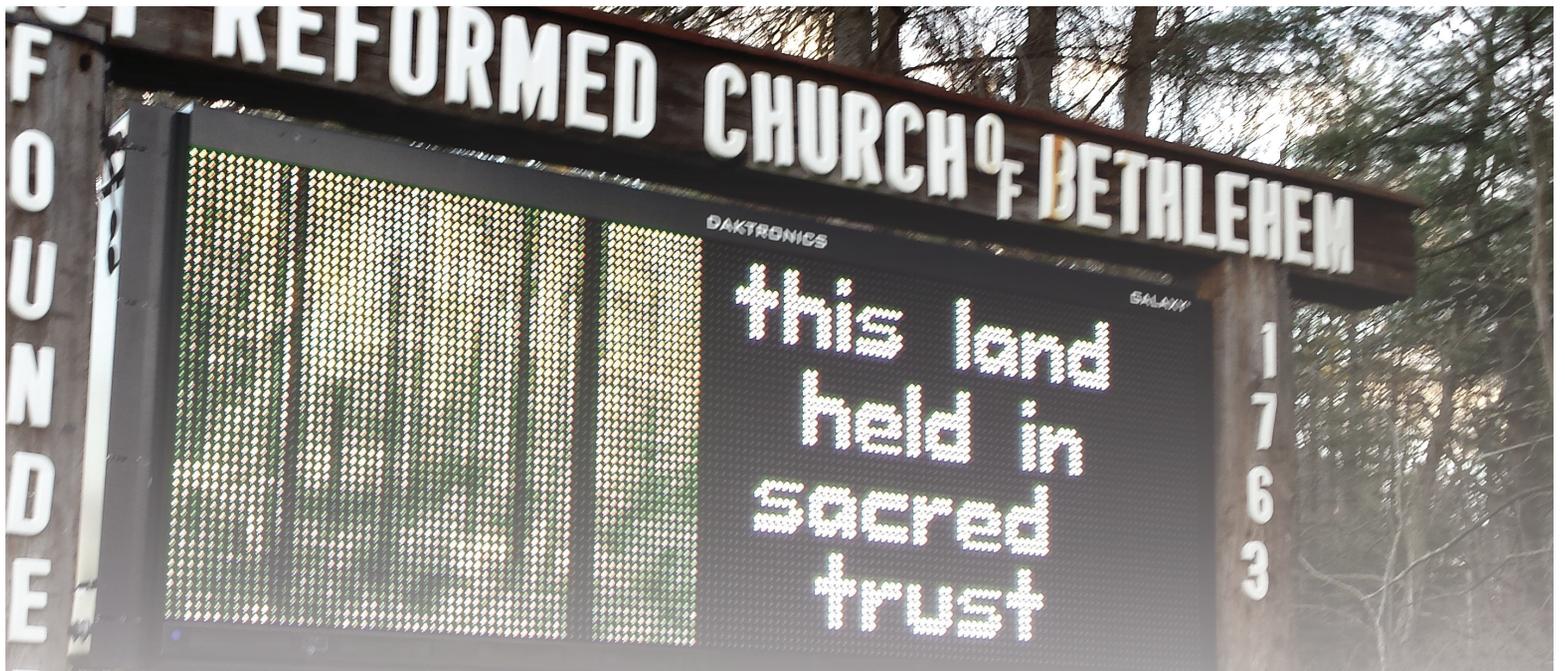


No fair

School advocates are crying after the governor's State of the State address

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TOP STORY



Gaining strength

Opponents of proposed gas line are gathering numbers and making friends in higher places — in government

By **TRICIA CREMO**
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BETHLEHEM — Local officials have taken up the fight against Kinder Morgan's plan to run a fracked gas pipeline through town.

All members of Bethlehem Town Board plus Albany County Legislators Bill Reinhardt, Mike Mackey and Joanne Dawson, as well as New York Senator Neil Breslin attended a meeting in support of

the group Stop New York Fracked Gas Pipeline (SNYFGP) in their efforts to stop a pipeline proposed to run through Bethlehem.

On Saturday, Jan. 23, at 2 p.m. at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem on Church Road in Selkirk, the officials lent their voice to the issue.

"We've heard your concerns and share your larger concerns on fracked gaslines and the incursion on land," said Supervisor John Clarkson. Though Clarkson admitted he and the Town Board's legal powers are "no greater than any of yours," he promised to advocate for measures to be taken at the state level to prevent the new pipeline.

Parts of North Bethlehem and Selkirk as well as New

Several officials from state, county and town governments were in attendance. Some listening in. Some speaking out.

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ENTERTAINMENT



Making a splash

George Fiorini is new to the region and the world of craft cocktails ... and he plans to stay

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Of course! My parents, Chuck and Betty Bassett moved our family of six to Delmar in 1968 from Interlaken, NY due to my father's New York Farm Bureau job transfer, after retirement he worked as a local Real Estate agent. Hamagrael Elementary was the first school I attended locally then continued on through the Bethlehem High School where Gary and our three children also graduated. Another piece of my history will bring a few people back, my first job other than babysitting, was as a cashier at Hilchie's Hardware and on Geneseo college breaks I waitressed at Normanside Country Club, where I started dating my husband who was also working there to put himself through college. So yes, I am a long-time resident and I love it here! I am also proud to call myself a Capital Region local, Safe Home Delmar caters not only to Delmar, but the surrounding area. From 2010-October 2015 I owned M & T Helping Hands, LLC, a non-medical Senior care service, which was built from the ground up with my business partner. M & T Helping Hands continues to thrive under new owner, Lisa Hickman. Founding and building that business was my platform for experiencing what it takes to succeed in growing a successful, reputable business, where customer service is paramount. I consider both M & T and Safe Home as care giving services, where a personal touch is needed.

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Pedestrian hurt

A 17 year-old female pedestrian was struck on Delaware Avenue after failing to look both ways when crossing the street, said Bethlehem Police. On Thursday, Jan. 21, around 3:30 p.m. the pedestrian reportedly got off a bus around 334 Delaware Avenue, went around to the rear of the bus, looked left, but not right and was struck by a vehicle travelling westward. Police said the vehicle slowed down enough so that the pedestrian only received a cut to her face and no serious injury occurred, but she was still transported to Albany Medical Center as a precautionary measure. No charges were made by police to the driver, as "No pedestrian walk ways or crossing signs were in the area, so onus is on pedestrian to watch where they're going," said Sgt. Hellegrass.

Photo by Michael Hallisey/Spotlight

Lock out at Bethlehem Central

Former student arrested for threatening resource officer

BETHLEHEM — A lockout Tuesday morning, Jan. 19, has been attributed to a threat made by a former student to the Bethlehem High School resource officer, who is also a Bethlehem Police officer.

According to the Bethlehem Police Department, Thomas A. Gray, 22, of Delmar, placed a phone call to the officer, and threatened to harm only him. The two reportedly have a history of past altercations.

As is school policy, Bethlehem Central High School and nearby Eagle Elementary School were placed in lockout mode from 11:25 a.m. until just before noon, when police were able to locate Gray. The investigation quickly determined that Gray was not on school grounds when he made the call, but the schools were placed on lockout as a precautionary measure.

During lockout mode all exterior doors are locked, no one is allowed to enter the building - including scheduled visitors and parents - and instruction continues without disruption. Additional police officers were also placed outside the school during the lockout. A lockout is different from a lockdown, where a threat is perceived to be inside the school, and teachers and staff clear the hallways and lock all doors.

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Interim Superintendent
Bethlehem Central School
District

parents staff, and most importantly, among our students... Please be assured that the safety and wellbeing of our students is our top priority," said District Interim Superintendent of Schools Jody Monroe.

Gray was charged with misdemeanor harassment in the second degree. He was arraigned in Bethlehem Town Court and released under the supervision of Albany County Probation Department. He is scheduled to reappear in court on Feb. 16.

Bethlehem Police Department was assisted by Hudson Valley Community College Office of Public Safety during this investigation.

Two charged in robbery

Pair also suspected in Feura Bush, East Greenbush holdups

BETHLEHEM — Bethlehem Police have charged two individuals in relation to a string of holdups made at various locations in the Capital District, including one at the Subway in Glenmont.

Janelle M. Litton, 34, of Ravena, reportedly held up stores in Rensselaer and Albany Counties, including one in Glenmont, Feura Bush and East Greenbush, while her accomplice Donald R. Mason, 50, of Coeymans, waited in a getaway vehicle, on Saturday, Jan. 2.

In Glenmont, Litton appeared at 9:30 p.m. at the Subway at the corner of Route 9W and Feura Bush Road and stole money from the cash register after she displayed a demand note for money and implied she had a concealed weapon held in her coat pocket, according to Bethlehem Police. Reportedly, no weapon was displayed, and Litton and Mason fled by vehicle.



Janelle Litton



Donald Mason

A Stewarts in Feura Bush was also robbed that night by suspects matching description of the accused, and is under investigation by state police.

The two were arrested after their final alleged attempted robbery failed in East Greenbush. According to East Greenbush Police, the pair attempted to rob the ZK Sunoco Mobil gas station on Columbia Turnpike in East Greenbush when the store's cashier refused to hand over money and called police, leading to their arrest.

On Tuesday, Jan. 20,

Bethlehem Police charged Litton and Mason with felony counts of attempted robbery in the first degree and attempted robbery in the second degree. They were arraigned in Bethlehem Town Court and remanded back to jail in lieu of \$1,000 bail.

The pair also face additional charges in the various townships they are accused where the robberies occurred. Their arrests are the result of a joint investigation with by East Greenbush Police, Bethlehem Police and State Police with cooperation from North Greenbush and Rensselaer Police.



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LOCAL BUSINESS

Monolith Solar to start construction

Long-awaited business venture to break ground nearly a year later

By **TRICIA CREMO**
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BETHLEHEM — Construction of the long-awaited Monolith Solar Building is set to begin soon, nearly one year after its intended opening.

When the project was first announced in October 2014, the company planned to break ground the following month and complete construction six months later. The town, in turn, greeted this sentiment warmly by granting an estimated \$68,000 in tax exemptions.

Now, the Rensselaer-based company is living up to its promise and beginning construction now — after receiving approval to do so just short of a year ago.

“Weather permitting, we’re hoping to start right away — the sooner the better, so we’re shooting for July to move in in six months. It’s a pretty aggressive schedule,” said Steve Erby, vice president of Monolith Solar. “The biggest thing is we want to double in size, and right now, we just don’t have physical space.”

Monolith will hire between 40 and 50 employees, adding to its current number

of 60 employees. There is the possibility of an additional 76 in Slingerlands over the next five years. Emphasis will be placed on hiring veterans with Albany County Executive Dan McCoy’s Soldier On initiative, as Monolith is a veteran-owned business. “We have so much work to do in manufacturing, clerical, management, accounting, you name it,” said Erby. Attracting potential hires is a zero-cost health care plan.

About \$4.9 million will be spent on creating a 26,000 square-foot headquarters and manufacturing facility — a 16,000 square-foot administration building, and a 10,000 square-foot production and research center — at the farthest point in the Vista Technology Campus in Slingerlands.

While solar panel production will take place at Monolith’s new headquarters, the company has been opening additional satellite locations as it expands throughout the county.

The project originally included plans for a 773-panel solar farm at River Road in Glenmont, but those plans were shelved after the Albany County Board of Appeals determined that it did not meet variance criteria required by the town.

In October 2014, it was announced at a media event that Monolith Solar would be the first technology tenant in

the Vista Technology Campus, which was first conceived 10 years ago under Sheila Fuller’s administration as part of a Comprehensive Plan. The project moved forward in March 2014, after Planning Board approval was received.

Twenty percent of space within the Vista Technology Campus may be filled by retail-like businesses, such as ShopRite, the first tenant of the plaza, Garden Bistro 24, Roux Bistro, and the plaza’s two banks. The remainder of the site’s space is reserved for professional office buildings and technology users, including the internal medical practice of Dr. Lev Barats from Community Care Physicians and Cornea Consultants, an eye care and vision corrections practice.

Tax breaks have been doled out to both medical offices, ShopRite, the two banks and Monolith Solar. Absconded are sales tax and mortgage recording tax abatements for the first two years within their 12-year contracts, along with a 50 percent abatement off the applicant’s property taxes, which reduces fully and by increment in the business’ first ten years.

A \$40,000 grant and \$40,000 in performance based credits from Empire State Development and the Excelsior Jobs Program respectively, which are tied directly to job creation and investment commitments, were also given to Monolith.

The project received final approval in March of 2015, roughly 10 months ago.

In the month prior, Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency (BIDA) approved tax breaks for Monolith Solar and SAE Sun and Earth Energy Inc. to build their new headquarters inside Vista.

In all, the project will receive roughly \$68,000 in tax exemptions over the next 11 years. “I think it’s important to reiterate that this is an important project for Vista,” said BIDA Chairman Frank Veniza. “We’ve done the cost benefit analysis and according to the analysis there’s over \$8 million in benefits for the project.”

Supervisor John Clarkson also weighed in when the tax breaks were approved in March 2015, adding that the future tax benefits, in particular, make the investment worthwhile. “The school district, the town and other taxing districts will be receiving \$364,000 in tax revenue,” said Clarkson at the time. “This will grow annually as the abatements check out, as the properties grow in value and as new businesses come in, so it’s very good news.”

The town itself received a \$5,000 grant from the New York State Energy Research Development Authority) in February 2015, to incentivize solar purchases, after adopting the state’s unified solar permit, which streamlines the solar permit review process.

Albany County has also committed to Monolith’s expansion with a \$1 million grant for the Vista Technology Park, yet when these funds will arrive has been a source of contention for some time.

“We have some great opportunities ahead of us. I think naturally as we start to hire more people, they will want to move closer to Bethlehem and that will continue to help the local economy.”

— Steve Erby
Vice president,
Monolith Solar

Developer and site owner Columbia Development, who is working with BBL, an affiliate, on the construction, continues to ask Albany County for those funds which were promised to Vista back in 2003.

In January 2015, President of Columbia Development Joe Nicolla wrote a letter to Albany County Legislature Majority Leader Frank Commisso asking to receive the money, but some in the county felt job requirements might not have been met for the funds to be released.

To qualify for the \$1 million, developers have to create 500 jobs, or one position per \$2,000 of grant funding. Nicolla in his letter claimed the job-to-investment ratio has been satisfied.

Developers eventually constructed roads and infrastructure without county funds being released. Nicolla said \$5.82 million has been invested at the site, along with roads and infrastructure costs totaling \$6.75 million.

“There was no existing infrastructure,” Nicolla said in his letter. “It would be difficult to market the property unless potential occupants could actually drive around the facility to see a potential site, have available employee services nearby and picture their building in a certain location.”

Erby said a factor of staying in the Albany region was the ability to hire skilled employees from nearby schools, which have added more technology courses in recent years. The thought is some employees, who now live as far away as Utica and Binghamton, will move to the area. There is also talk of satellite locations near Utica and Syracuse. Monolith is also working on solar farms for Schenectady County and The Sage Colleges, among others, and worked with the South Colonie Central School District to create a solar field.

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EDUCATION

School advocates: No fair

\$2.1B over next two years doesn't adequately fund education, according to local officials

By ALI HIBBS
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ALBANY — The State of the State address, for the second year in a row, was combined with Governor Andrew Cuomo's budget proposal announcement on Wednesday, Jan. 13.

Under the banner "Built to Lead," Cuomo unveiled proposals to address failing infrastructure, provide tax cuts to small businesses and introduce paid family leave. He described an ambitious environmental agenda, announced his intention to establish an Office of Independent Special Counsel to prosecute law enforcement officers, and said that he would close the LLC loophole and increase transparency in campaign finance.

He also announced that he would increase funding to state schools by \$2.1 billion over the next two years—and education advocates are not happy. Here in Albany County, school districts in North Colonie, Guilderland and Green Island will actually see modest reductions in state aid under the governor's plan.

"Typically what the governor does is he talks about how much education aid is being increased," said local Assemblyman Phil Steck (D-110). "But he neglects to mention that there was an agreement prior to the 2008 financial

crisis regarding what would be necessary to bring all of our school districts up to full funding."

The decision is the State Education Budget and Reform Act that was enacted in 2007, after years of litigation originating in New York City, during which the State Supreme Court found the state funding system to be unconstitutional, which resulted in a statewide coalition demanding adequate funding for public schools. The legislation promised to raise state "foundation aid" by \$7 billion in the 2010-11 budget year and allocate the funds based solely on need. Then the national economy tanked and, by 2010, New York state was facing a \$10 billion budget deficit. The solution, lawmakers decided, was to divide the shortfall among the state's school districts, basing the amount taken on a formula designed to insulate the poorest districts. Rather than see aid increase to levels that had been deemed merely adequate, every school district across the state was forced to deal with an even tighter budget.

In 2016, districts are still seeing the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) reduction in state funding, albeit at lower levels, as the state has been restoring the confiscated funds incrementally over the last couple of years.

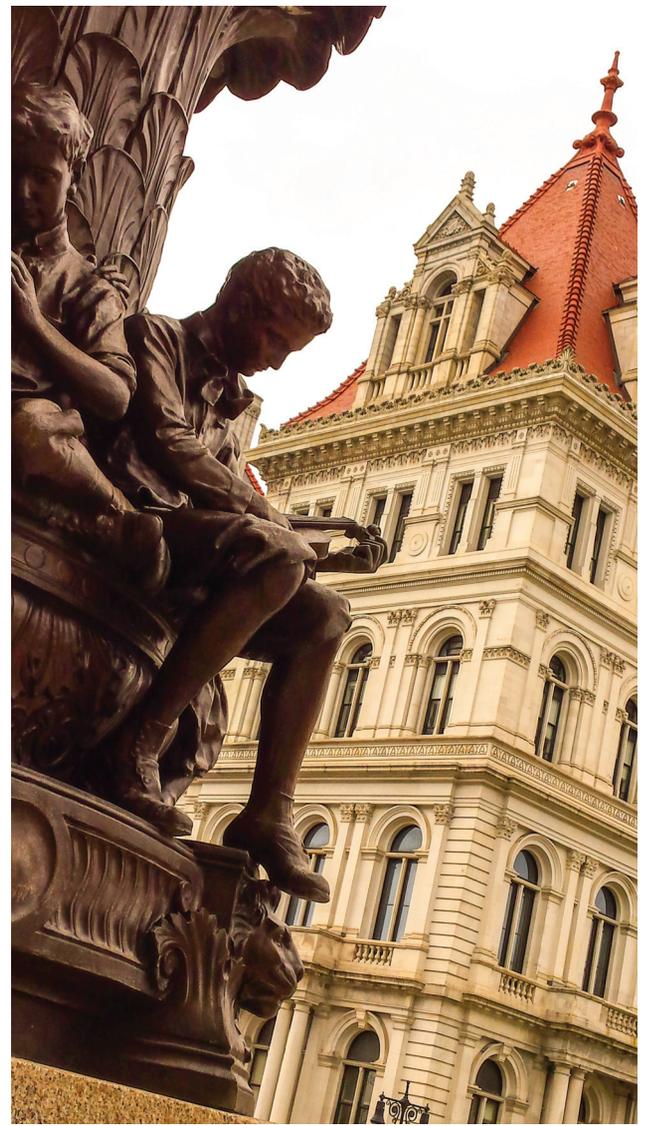
As far as foundation aid funding, which districts depend on heavily for operational costs, it remains more than \$4 billion behind the levels enacted in 2007. Senate leadership has called for the immediate restoration of the GEA, something that officials from both North and South Colonie school districts have said that they would like to see happen. Steck, the representative for both districts, said, however, that increasing foundation aid is the more important issue.

"It tends to be representatives from wealthier downstate districts that are generally strong proponents of GEA restoration because it took more money proportionally, under the formula, from the wealthier districts. So, when you give the money back in the restoration, most is going to wealthier districts. Now, I represent North and South Colonie, Niskayuna, Menands, and the City of Schenectady. None of the school districts under the criteria in this state are classified as wealthy districts so, proportionately, the 110th Assembly District does much better under foundation aid funding than it does under GEA restoration. Rural districts would also do better under foundation aid funding, but GEA restoration is an easy argument to make in that we took money and everything would be fine if we just gave back what was taken in the first

place." That's not quite true, he added, noting that Schenectady is owed less than \$50,000 in GEA restoration.

"North Colonie is experiencing growth in enrollment," Superintendent Joe Corr said of his district, which would see a 2 percent reduction in state aid under the executive budget. Corr said that the reduction is really due to the fact that the district received a one-year grant in the last fiscal year to expand full-day pre-kindergarten and that the district was aware that funding would be lost this year. However, he said, "it doesn't take away our concerns about the governor's budget, which are deep and heartfelt." Corr said the district had anticipated full restoration of GEA funds in 2016 and called it "a major concern."

"We have wonderful students and families



A promise made in 2007 for more funding towards education is not being met, according to education advocates.

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COMMUNITY

To your health

When the calendar switched over to 2016, many of us vowed to be more mindful of what we eat. There are a lot of aspects to healthy eating, but most nutrition experts agree that preparing your own meals gives you greater control over what you are consuming, in terms of cost, calories and flavor.

To help you meet your wellness goals by preparing your own nutritious meals, the library is offering a "Healthy Seasonal Cooking" event on Saturday, Jan. 30, at 2:30 p.m. A ShopRite dietitian will show you how to cook meals using seasonal ingredients that taste good, are good for you and feature items readily available for the time of year.

Registration for this program is required. Sign up online at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org, in person, or by calling 439-9314.

Let them eat cake pops

Here's a sweet idea for teens: Come to the library



on Wednesday, Feb. 3, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for "Cake Pops and Crafts!" Whip up some yummy cake pops and create fuse bead masterpieces while they are baking. What better way to spend a chilly February afternoon?

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online catalog, so they will show up if they match any of your searches. GVRL funding is provided by the Upper Hudson Library System.

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What's cooking at the library? For these young patrons, it was a morning of play and socialization in the library's Children's Place on Friday, Jan. 22. For adults, the library will be holding a program titled "Healthy Seasonal Cooking" on Saturday, Jan. 30.

Kristen Roberts

Upcoming events

Saturday, Jan. 30

Time Out for Tales

Stories and fun for children up to age 6 and families. 11 a.m.

Sunday, Jan. 31

Sunday Cinema

Matinees feature PG and PG-13 titles geared toward adult audiences. 2 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 1

Tiny Tots

Stories, songs and fingerplays for children up to age 35 months with caregiver. 9:30 a.m.

Tabletop Gaming

We provide Dominion, Munchkin, and Ticket to Ride with its USA 1910 Expansion Pack. Bring your own favorites. Snacks will be served! For adults and teens 16 and older. 6:30 p.m.

Book Buddies

Children are matched with a teen volunteer to practice reading skills and build confidence. Bring a book or choose one at the library. Sign up online or call 439-9314. For grade K-5. Sessions at 6:30 and 7 p.m.

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— Kristen Roberts

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Autism awareness hockey game

BETHLEHEM — The Bethlehem Central High School varsity hockey team will hold its first Autism Awareness night Wednesday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Area YMCA.

The game will be played with lowered lighting and sound to respect the sensitivity of those with autism who will be in attendance.

Bethlehem coach Dylan Lappe interned at Wildwood School's adapted physical education department.

"The reason I want to give back to autism and to Wildwood programs in

particular is because while I was a student at Sage (College), I volunteered countless hours working with their soccer program," said Lappe. "The kids were so much fun and so happy just to be playing sports. Ryan Patrie, the head of the program, is spectacular with the kids and does a great job promoting lifelong physical activity."

There will also be a 50/50 drawing and "chuck-a-puck" between periods, and all proceeds benefit Wildwood. The Bethlehem and Niskayuna/Schenectady hockey booster clubs will make donations, as well.

Bethlehem players will wear autism awareness patches on their jerseys for the game.

Streetscape presentation

BETHLEHEM — The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Delaware Avenue Hamlet Streetscape Enhancement presentation Monday, Feb. 1, at 5 p.m. at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave.

The project will implement design improvements that help and strengthen the street's character and provide safe and convenient travel and access for pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users. The scope of the project includes the stretch of Delaware Avenue from Elsmere Avenue to Adams Street, as well as portions of Kenwood Avenue and Adams Street.

The enhancements include new sidewalks, crosswalks, curbing, on-street parking, street trees and decorative lighting fixtures.

CHA Companies, the town's design and engineering consultant, will provide an overview of the project, as well as conceptual design plans.

For those unable to attend the meeting, the Chamber encourages you to attend the public meeting scheduled for Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

Thompson's Lake ice fishing contest

VOORHEESVILLE — The annual Thompson's Lake Ice Fishing Contest takes place Feb.

6 at Thompson's Lake State Park in East Berne.

Registration hours are 5:30 to 9 a.m. Fishing and fish measurement takes place from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. The registration fee is \$15 per person, including food and refreshments. Registration will be used directly for cash prizes.

Prizes are offered in three categories — perch, pickerel and trout. Prizes will be awarded at 1 p.m.

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Enjoy a Mardi Gras Pancake Supper with us at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Tuesday, Feb. 9. Dinner will include pancakes, breakfast meat, applesauce and coffee or tea. A \$10 goodwill offering will be taken to benefit the Youth Group Ministry. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make your reservation.

Join us for a shopping trip to Colonie Center and Northway Mall on Monday, Feb. 1. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make your reservation.

Get out of the house and go to the library. We will take you to the library on Friday, Feb. 9 and 23. Pickups begin at 12:30 p.m. You will have about one-and-a-half hours to enjoy the library resources. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

The health and wellness



program on Friday, Feb. 5, at 1 p.m. at Town Hall, will feature Lynda Shrager, OTR, MSW, CAPS, "The Organized Caregiver," who will present "Declutter Your Home." She will explain how to organize your home and paperwork before a crisis occurs to relieve stress and aggravation for loved ones. She will provide practical tips on decluttering, downsizing, and setting things in order. You can join us for lunch before the program at the Windowbox Café, cost on your own. No reservations are needed to attend just the program alone. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make a lunch reservation.

— Wilma DeLucco

First-hand accounts

When the temperatures dip and the icy winds blow, there is no question that the Bethlehem YMCA is the most popular place in town. People flock to our warm and friendly confines for many reasons.

In the style of the old TV news "man on the street" interviews, I recently conducted "person in the hallway" interviews at the Y and asked people of every age group what they liked best about the Bethlehem YMCA. Here are some responses:

"All the stuff for my kids — the open swim, and my daughter takes swim lessons here, which is awesome. She learned to swim here. We love the open skate for the kids. I also work out here. The whole family membership for us is perfect."

"The personal trainers are very helpful. When you ask them a question, they will step in and show you how to do the right



workout."

"I like the community feel of the YMCA and running into people I know."

"I like that I can bring the kids with me. It's the best thing about coming here. We use the ice skating, the pool, prime time, I can work out. It's great."

"It's great for the grandkids. They have many opportunities — they like the pool and the kids room. It's very enjoyable. Everybody's so friendly. I also use the hiking trail in the back of the Y."

"I came back to the Y so I could get in better condition. I use the gym. The staff is great, very helpful."

"I like the aerobic classes with Karen. I have wanted to be a member of

this Y as long as it's been here. My daughter bought me a membership, and I am very grateful for that. I'm always looking around to see what else there is to take advantage of."

"Prime Time makes it accessible and easy for families like ours. We have four kids. We can work out and have everyone go to the pool. I like that the Y is family focused and accessible for all ages and levels, and has so many things to do like fitness, the pool and the classes."

"I like Ethan's high intensity training class."

"I like Prime Time for the kids because we actually get to relax and use the facility while the kids are entertained."

"The day care. I get an hour and a half when I can actually go to the gym. The people that come here are really nice."

"We work out here; my son has gone to summer camp here for three years."

"I come to the Y to play basketball with my

friends."

"We went to the pool today. That was awesome."

"We like the pool and the ice skating rink, and to just to come and play on the courts, too."

So there you have it — actual comments from actual Bethlehem YMCA members.

There is truly something for everyone at the Y. No matter your age, no matter your fitness level, we have something that is fun and exhilarating for the whole family. That's why about one in three people in Bethlehem are members of the YMCA.

If you are not a member, please stop, get a tour, talk to our staff and find out what you can do at the Y and what the Y can do for you.

— Mark Hansen

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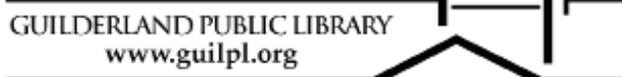
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Sunday Concert: The Electric City Chorus

The Electric City Chorus — a men's a cappella, close-harmony singing group — will perform a free concert at the Guilderland Public Library on Sunday, Feb. 7, at 2 p.m.

The chorus's repertoire draws from Broadway musicals, pop music, big band standards, and includes love songs, toe-tappers and hits from across the decades, all sung in its unique four-part, a cappella, style. As part of the concert, a couple of quartets break off to add their own special sound to the performance.

The chorus was founded in 1944 and has a long tradition of top-notch performances throughout the state. Locally, it has recently sung at numerous locales including Schenectady's Tree Lighting and Holiday Parade, Tawasentha Park in Guilderland, the Bethlehem Library's Evening on the Green series, and it has even been featured on the



Schenectady Today program. It's clear to see that its members love to sing and enjoy sharing the delights of music with everyone.

This will be a very popular concert, so you're encouraged to come early.

Teen Winter Writing deadline is Feb. 5

Calling all teen writers! Your entries for GPL's Teen Winter Writing Contest are due by Friday, Feb. 5, before 9 p.m. This is a great opportunity for a chance to win amazing prizes and publication.

You can submit your entries by emailing GPLTeenWrites@guilpl.org; don't forget the completed submission form.

Submit your writing to

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Grades 9-12: Prose, Poetry/Other

Third, second and first place prizes will be awarded for each category and age group. First place winners will receive the unique opportunity to workshop their winning pieces with Donna Liquori, Bibliofiles columnist for the Times Union.

A reception will be held on March 11 for all participants, where honorable mentions will be announced and winners will read from their work.

Visit www.guilpl.org/teens/teenwriting to get the submission form.

Trivia Night benefits St. Jude

Join your friends and neighbors at GPL



The Electric City Chorus will perform at the Guilderland Library on Sunday, Feb. 7, at 2 p.m. Submitted photo

on Thursday, Feb. 4, at 5 p.m., for a team-oriented trivia night — hosted by students from Guilderland Central School District — to raise money for Children's Cancer Research at St. Jude Children's Hospital. This is a family-oriented, all-ages event.

Please register by calling 456-2400, ext. 2.

Mother Goose Jazz Band at GPL

GPL is proud to join libraries across the country in "Take Your Child to the Library Day." This year, we are featuring a family concert with The Mother Goose Jazz Band on Saturday, Feb. 6, at 2 p.m. Its repertoire is sure to please families with tiny tots and jazz enthusiasts alike.

Let's visit Germany

Kids, join us for a fun evening of books and activities on Thursday, Feb. 4, at 6:30 p.m., as the Globetrotters Family Program introduces you to Germany.

You'll learn how to say "hello" and "goodbye" in a new language, and lots more. This program is most appropriate for children in elementary school and their families, and is aligned to third grade social studies curriculum.

Please register by calling 456-2400, ext. 4.

Groundhog Day, Groundhog Day

GPL is showing the movie "Groundhog Day"

on Tuesday, Feb. 2, in honor of Groundhog Day.

Showings are at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. No registration required. And, no registration is required. Furthermore, you don't need to register.

Milk: Pride @ GPL

Come to GPL on Monday, Feb. 1, at 6:30 p.m., to view a movie about University at Albany grad Harvey Milk and his struggles as an American gay activist who fought for gay rights and became California's first openly gay elected official.

This is part of our Pride @ GPL series, which holds activities related to LGBTQA issues. All are welcome.

— Mark Curiale

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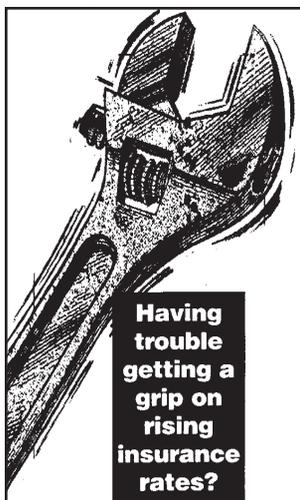
The **Delmar Farmers Market** has been a staple in the Bethlehem community since 2008; bringing farmers, vendors, families and community members together each Saturday morning, May through December. The market features over 60 vendors selling assorted local, eco-friendly, and fair trade products. We are committed to supporting local vendors, modeling environmental stewardship in all aspects of our operations, and continuing our progressive growth.

The **Delmar Farmers Market** is looking to expand our Board of Directors and is seeking dedicated individuals who are interested in supporting this work. If you would be interested in joining the board please send a short statement of what makes you a strong candidate. In your brief summary please note the following:

- summary should be no more than 1 page long
- please include your name, contact information, and a little bit about yourself
- please include any specific skills that you think might benefit the board / market
- also highlight your availability and limitations that might challenge your participation

The **Delmar Farmers Market** will be accepting prospective board member statements through January 31, 2016. All applicants will receive a written response even if your name is not selected.

Please email your summary to Mark Warford, President of the Delmar Farmer's Market Board, at: barbsqj7@aol.com



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Kids' day at library

Saturday, Feb. 6, is "Take Your Child to the Library Day." Introduce your child (and maybe yourself, too) to all the library has to offer — you may be surprised!

Stop by anytime between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., and see our 3D printer at work, complete a scavenger hunt, make a craft, play with Legos and the marble runs. Sign up for a library card while you are in the library. You can take your library card home the same day if you bring proof of your residency (a driver's license, rental

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agreement or postmarked piece of U.S. Mail).

Tax assistance

It's that time again ... time to file your tax returns. Through a partnership with the state Department of Taxation and Finance, volunteers will be at the library Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. beginning Jan. 28 and ending on April 14 to guide you through the process of filing your own

return. You may e-file your tax returns for a faster tax refund, with no filing fees.

Schedule an appointment with a volunteer by calling 756-2053 or emailing the library.

Adult coloring

Coloring pages for adults are highly detailed with sophisticated themes. Give it a try at the library on Monday, Feb. 1, at 1:30 p.m. or Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 6:30 p.m. No need to register. We provide all you will need, including a cup of tea.

— Carol Melewski

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■ DEAN'S LIST AND GRADUATES

Kristen Heinmiller, of Selkirk, graduated with an associates degree in veterinary science technology from SUNY Delhi.

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Nicholas Bruni, of Altamont, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Stonehill College.

Zachary Fuierer, of Delmar, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Stonehill College.

Alexandra Zerrillo, of Slingerlands, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Stonehill College.

Kyle Beck, of Selkirk, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at James Madison University.

Mary Barada, of Delmar, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Keene State College.

Eryn Ryan, of Delmar, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Keene State College.

Kassidi Morrison, of

Voorheesville, was named to the president's list for the fall 2015 semester at SUNY Canton.

Thomas Augustine, of Selkirk, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at SUNY Delhi.

Danielle Bookhout, of Schenectady, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at SUNY Delhi.

Cathryn McNeile, of Selkirk, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at SUNY Delhi.

Frederick Kopff, of Slingerlands, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Nicholas Crocetta, of Delmar, was named to the president's list for the fall 2015 semester at Western New England University.

Vanessa Vaccarino, of Glenmont, was named to the president's list for the fall 2015 semester at Western New England University.

Colleen Bates, of Voorheesville, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at

SUNY Alfred College of Technology.

Chantel Davenport, of Altamont, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Oklahoma State University.

Daniel Ushkow, of Delmar, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Saint Michael's College.

Rachel Reichel, of Delmar, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Saint Michael's College.

Michelle Lee, of Feura Bush, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Norwich University.

Carrie Rose Mulligan, of Guilderland Center, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Springfield College.

Howell Morris, of Delmar, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Springfield College.

Veronika Mazur, of Schenectady, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at the University of Scranton.

■ ENGAGEMENT



Roger Platt and Frieda Arenos

Arenos, Platt to wed

Ms. Suzy Sherer-Arenos of Delmar, N.Y., and Dr. Dan Arenos of Albany, N.Y., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Frieda Lynn Arenos, granddaughter of the late Dr. Abe and Eunice Sherer, to Roger Mark Platt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan and Joan Platt, and the late Kathleen O'Boyle, of Washington, D.C.

Roger and Frieda met six years ago in

Washington, D.C., and have since built an unbreakable friendship filled with laughter, happiness, and the truest of love. Frieda, a graduate of the University of Vermont, is currently working towards her Master's Degree in International Communication and Intercultural Relations from American University. She also works full-time for U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy of Vermont. Roger,

who attended Johnson and Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island, is a full-time histotechnologist and medical assistant for Braun Dermatology Associates of Washington, D.C.

Frieda and Roger both live happily in the nation's capital with their adoring cat, Lennon.

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PICK OF THE WEEK



Big Mean Sound Machine

The Big Mean Sound Machine headlines this Saturday's bill of events at The Hollow Bar & Kitchen, preceded by Half moon Run at 7:30 p.m.

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ONLINE

Check out our expanded calendar of events at www.spotlightnews.com/events.

CULTURE



Making a splash

Winner of the Woodford Reserve Manhattan Experience competition at the 2016 Food and Wine Festival in Albany, George Fiorini is new to the region and the world of craft cocktails . . . but he plans to stay.

By **ALI HIBBS**
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▲ Albany bartender George Fiorini eyes his product before taking on the task of creating his award winning cocktails at the 2016 Food and Wine Festival recently.

Submitted photo

When George Fiorini moved to Albany a year ago, he had only five months of bartending experience under his belt. Winner of the recent Woodford Reserve bartending competition held at the Albany Food and Wine Festival early this month, Fiorini now bartends at two of Albany's premiere cocktail bars and, sitting in one of them—Wellington's in Albany—exactly a year to the day after he moved to the area, he seems more than a little surprised about it.

"I prefer to be called a bartender," said the 25-year-old, saying that he finds the term "mixologist" to be just a bit pretentious. Remembering the first bartender to teach him the art in St. Louis a year and a half ago, he said, "I'll never forget what he told me. He told me that I would be learning a lot of crazy things—a lot of different ingredients, techniques

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Fire in the sky

Lately, it's felt like the sun has been in the sky only to provide us a source for light, and not heat. This picture, however, captures the warmth of the sun as it sets below the Albany skyline from the perspective of one standing near the banks of the Hudson River.

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LIVE MUSIC

Smokey Robinson among headliners

Young piano prodigy also added to the line-up for 38th annual Freihofer's Saratoga Jazz Festival

SARATOGA SPRINGS — Smokey Robinson, the iconic rhythm and blues performer, was named as one of the headliners for this year's 38th annual Freihofer's Saratoga Jazz Festival.

The Saratoga Performing Arts Center (SPAC) announced Robinson as part of the bill on Sunday, Jan. 17. He joins an already packed line-up of talent, to what promises to be a hot-ticket item for the weekend event. This year, the jazz festival will be Saturday, June 27 and Sunday, June 28.

The sale of print-at-home tickets have closed, but tickets can still be purchased through SPAC's box office.

Since breaking out as a member of The Miracles in 1955, Robinson has enjoyed a storied career in the music industry. From performer, songwriter, producer and executive, Robinson has cut his teeth on every aspect of the business. He retired as a performer in 1972 to devote time as vice president of Motown Records, but came

back to record several Top 10 including "Tears of a Clown," "Crusin'," and "Just to See Her."

Robinson was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1987.

This summer's line-up also includes Joey Alexander the first Indonesian act to break into the Billboard 200 in the United States.

The 12-year-old prodigy debuted at No. 174 last year on the Billboard 200 with "My Favorite Things" last May. This was after the New York Times named the self-taught jazz musician an "overnight sensation" after his performance at Jazz at Lincoln Center gala a year before.

This year's line-up also includes Shemekia Copeland, Chick Corea and many more artists. There is one more headliner yet to be announced. Last year's closing act was Sheila E.

To buy tickets, and for more information, visit SPAC.org.

— Michael Hallisey



Jazz lovers will once again crowd the lawn outside the Main Amphitheater at the Saratoga Performing Arts Theater on Saturday, June 27 and Sunday, June 28, for the 38th annual Freihofer's Saratoga Jazz Festival.

Saratoga Performing Arts Center

'Gods' deliver authentic performance

BY LIANNE WEBSTER-KIM

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ALBANY — For so many, myself included, the music of British classic rock powerhouse Led Zeppelin is intertwined with numerous memories. Since drummer John Bonham died in 1980, it is no longer possible to see all four original band members perform live. So, when I hear that a Zeppelin tribute band is coming to town, it catches my attention, as it is the closest millions of other fans and I will ever come to seeing them in the flesh.

That's probably why nearly 1,000 people, most of whom were age 40 and older, packed the Hart Theater at The Egg the night of January 16 for a performance by Hammer of the Gods. Billing itself as the "ultimate Led Zeppelin experience," the band promises an authentic recreation of a live show from the early 1970s.

Even before the concert began, it was evident that the band knows its target audience member: earplugs were among the items for sale.

When the house lights finally dimmed, images of a zeppelin appeared on a screen behind the drum set, while a narrator provided a brief history of the legendary band. Hammer of the Gods took the stage and launched into "Achilles Last Stand."

For the next two hours, as various patterns danced around the screen, Tom (lead vocalist), Paul (lead guitarist), Phil (bassist and keyboardist) and Jay

(drummer) rocked and rolled their way through the iconic band's discography, performing studio-like versions of 15 well-known tunes, including "Black Dog," "Kashmir," and "Fool in the Rain."

However, for three of Zeppelin's all-time classics, "Moby Dick," "Stairway to Heaven" and "Whole Lotta Love," the band's four members opted to perform versions resembling those found on The Soundtrack from the film "The Song Remains the Same," released in 1976.

When the members of Hammer of the Gods take a swing at any Zeppelin song, they don't miss. Tom looks and sounds just like Robert Plant, especially when he's adding rhythmic vocals (think the ah-ahs in "Black Dog" and the moans from "Whole Lotta Love.") Same holds true for Paul, who on stage is a dead-ringer for Jimmy Page in his younger years.

Out of the 18 songs they played, "Moby Dick" stood out from the rest. As images of Bonzo flashed on the screen, his spirit possessed Gods' drummer Jay, who pounded out each and every beat of the extended drum solo to the delight of the audience, who recognized his efforts with a standing ovation.

Hammer of the Gods also honored the late David Bowie, who'd died earlier in the week with its cover of "Rebel, Rebel."

When Hammer of the Gods does "Ramble On" back into town, both casual and die-hard Led Zeppelin fans should get tickets and go.

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CULINARY ARTS

Food & Vino

Capellini With Grilled Vegetables

By **ANN LINDA CIOTOLI**

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I love the taste of grilled vegetables with pasta. It's always a great combination. The recipe I have for you today serves six.

Capellini With Grilled Vegetables

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup balsamic vinegar*
- 2/3 cup of olive oil, plus 1 tablespoon*
- 2 tsp. salt or to taste*
- 1 tsp. freshly ground black pepper, or to taste*
- 2 red onions, cut into 1/2 inch rings*
- 2 zucchini, cut into 1/2 inch thick slices*
- 2 yellow squash, cut into 1/2 inch thick slices*
- 1 fennel bulb, cut into 1/2 inch rings*
- 1 lb. capellini or spaghetti*
- 1 shallot, minced*
- 2 garlic cloves, minced*
- 2 lbs. grape tomatoes, halved lengthwise*
- 1/2 cup white wine*
- 1 Tbs. parsley, chopped*
- 1 Tbs. basil, chopped*
- 1/2 cup organic vegetable broth*
- 6 ounces Gorgonzola cheese, broken into small pieces*

Instruction:

Combine the vinegar, 2/3 cup olive oil, salt, and pepper. Toss onion, zucchini, squash and fennel with the vinaigrette and roast on a cookie sheet in a 375° oven for about 20 minutes. When the vegetables are cool enough to handle, cut them into 1 1/2 inch dice. Cook the capellini or spaghetti in the boiling water until al dente, the spaghetti will take a little longer, as it is thicker. Drain well. Heat the remaining tablespoon of oil in a sauté pan. Add the shallot and garlic. Sauté until aromatic. Add the grilled vegetables, tomatoes, and the wine. Heat thoroughly. Season with the herbs, salt, and pepper. Adjust the consistency with the broth if necessary. Toss the capellini with about half of the gorgonzola cheese, and top with the vegetable mixture. Garnish with the remaining gorgonzola.

Serve with a crusty bread.

Pairings:

Cupcake Vineyards Moscato D' Asti - Piedmont, Italy - Named because of its earthy musk aromas with dominant floral notes, and hints of bright fruit flavors that include peach, tropical fruit, and lychee. This wine is soft and luscious with just a hint of fine effervescence and sweetness. Moscato is considered a dessert wine, but pairs very well with light meals.

Altare Barbera d'Alba - Barbera wine from Elio Altare Vineyards - Piedmont, Italy - Dark ruby red, with black pepper and black cherry aromas. Notes of blackberry and sweet spices. Clean, rich, and soft on the palate.

Ann Linda Ciotoli owns a catering business called Good Enough to Eat. She is also a frequent contributor to SpotlightNews Living where she is one of our culinary arts columnist. For questions and information, e-mail Ciotoli at sodeliciousal@yahoo.com.



■ ARTS

Night & Day

Our top picks for the upcoming week

Night

TROY — Alternative rock band, Last Daze, will play at Dinosaur Bar-B-Que, located at 377 River Street in Troy on Saturday, Jan. 30 at 9:30 p.m.

Admission to the show is free.

Last Daze is currently touring in support of its debut album "Symbols & Snares" under Shooter Jennings' new record label Black County Rock. The CD dropped domestically last August and subsequently released worldwide last October.

Lead singer Katy Cole has appeared on Shooter Jennings' recent release, "Don't Wait Up (For George)", and performed on Fox's *Imus in the Morning* with Shooter and his band, the Triple Crown. She also has an appearance on his upcoming album, "Countach (For Giorgio)," which features cameos from notable artists such as Brandi Carlile and Marilyn Manson.

For more details about the free concert, visit www.lastdaze.com.

Day

ALBANY — The Albany Public Library will present two performances of "The Folktales of Zora Neale Hurston" on Saturday, Jan. 30.

The first performance will begin at 11 a.m. in the Community Room on the second floor of the library's Washington Avenue

(flagship) Branch, located at 161 Washington Avenue in downtown Albany.

The second performance will begin at 3 p.m. in the large meeting room of the Library's Howe Branch, located at the intersection of Schuyler and Broad Street in Albany's South End neighborhood.

The Folktales of Zora Neale Hurston is an interactive theater program featuring folktales collected in Hurston's anthologies.

Developed in 2013 by Young Audiences New York with the support of the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, this interactive theatre program is specifically geared towards young children with their families and follows several of the folktales featured in Hurston's various compilations allowing the participants to choose what happens next in the action. It serves not only to teach about Hurston and her work but to engage participants in the powers of imagination and the art of storytelling. Cheryl Howard will portray Zora Neale Hurston.

Both performances will last approximately two hours. Admission to either one is free.

For more information or to register, call the Washington Avenue Branch at 427-4310 or the Howe Branch at 472-9485.



Alternative rock band Last Daze, featuring Katy Cole, shown above, will perform a free show at Dinosaur BBQ in Troy on Jan. 30.

Submitted photo

'Freedom Train' rolls into Albany

Show focuses on the Underground Railroad

ALBANY — The Albany Palace Theatre kicks off Black History Month with a performance of "Freedom Train" on Sunday, Feb. 7.

Freedom Train tells the story of Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad weaving theatrical scenes with period rich musical pieces — including "Follow the Drinking Gourd," "Steal Away," "Wade in the Water" and "Good News, the Chariot's A-Comin." The storyline follows Tubman's involvement with the famed Underground Railroad, of which she helped slaves from Maryland escape North as she did.

Harriet Tubman was born a slave, but when she was 25 she escaped, leaving her family behind. She later returned for her family, and in doing

so, continued to conduct several more escapes leading to the freedom of more than 300 slaves.

The Palace partners with the Albany Park Playhouse presenting a performance of the musical as part of its Black History Month Celebration. The celebration includes the annual Step Show scheduled to take place Sunday, Feb. 14.

Tickets are on sale now, \$20 for adults and free for children under 13 years old. Tickets can be purchased at the Palace Theatre Box Office on Clinton Avenue, by phone at 465-4663, at all Ticketmaster outlets, at local Wal-Mart Ticketmaster Centers or online at ticketmaster.com.

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9 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs. www.9mapleave.com
Fri: **Hot Club of Saratoga** | 9 p.m.
Sat: **Brian Patneau Quartet** | 9 p.m.

Arthur's Market
35 N. Ferry St., Schenectady. 382-1938
Wed: **Roger Shaffer** | 7 p.m.
Thur: **Edith's Amazing Jam** | 6:30 p.m.
Fri: **The Anonymous Figg Leafs, Mark Delgado** | 6 p.m.
Sat: **Lisa Lambert with John & Jarod Lussier** | 7 p.m.

Athos
1814 Western Ave., Albany. 608-6400
Fri: **Bronte Roman Jazz Ensemble** | 7 p.m.

Castle Street Café
10 Castle St., Great Barrington, MA. 413-528-5244
Fri: **The BTUs** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Tim Ward, Charlie Tokarz & Carl Landa** | 8 p.m.

Cafe NOLA
617 Union St., Schenectady. 357-8628
Thur: **Open Mic** | 6 p.m.
Fri: **Frank Jaklitsch** | 6:30 p.m.
Sat: **Yankee Holler Duo** | 6:30 p.m.

Caffe Lena
Phila St., Saratoga Springs. 225-0882
Wed: **Acoustic Blues Open Mic Jam** | 7 p.m.
Thur: **Open Mic** | 7 p.m.
Fri: **Bill Staines** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Sean Rowe** | 8 p.m.
Sun: **Sean Rowe** | 7 p.m.

Carney's Tavern
17 Main Street, Ballston Lake. 518 280-7959
Thur: **Matty Finn** | 6 p.m.
Fri: **E.J. Hopeck** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Legendary Losers** | 8 p.m.

City Beer Hall
42 Howard St., Albany. 449-2337
Every Sat: **90s Dance Party** | 11 p.m.

ARTS CALENDAR



May the farce be with you

Schenectady Civic Players present Neil Benjamin's Victorian-era farce "The Explorers Club" Jan. 29 through Feb. 7. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Sara Alonge

Club Helsinki
405 Columbia St., Hudson. 828-4800 or helsinki@hudson.com
Sun: **Community Music Space** | 6 p.m.

Crown Grill
390 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. 583-1105
Fri: **Jeanine Ouder Kirk Trio** | 7 p.m.

Emack & Bolio's
366 Delaware Ave. 512-5100
Fri: **Luke Ryan & Don Ferber** | 7 p.m.
Sat: **Forever Young** | 7 p.m.

EMPAC
110 8th St., Troy. Info: www.empac.rpi.edu
Thur: **Rane Moore & Okkyung Lee** | 7:30 p.m.

Fuze Box
12 Central Ave., Albany. 703-8937
Sat: **80s Night** | 9 p.m.

Ginger Man
234 Western Ave., Albany. 427-5963
Fri: **Chris Dollard** | 8 p.m.

Grappa '72
818 Central Ave., Albany. 482-7200
Wed & Thur: **Hamilton Street Jazz**

Company | 6:30 p.m.
Fri: **A3** | 6:30 p.m.
The Hollow Bar + Kitchen
79 N. Pearl St., Albany. 426-8550
Thur: **The Sea The Sea** | 8 p.m. | \$12
Sat: **Half Moon Run** | 7:30 p.m. | Free
Big Mean Sound Machine | 9 p.m. | \$12
Hudson River Music Hall

10 Maple St., Hudson Falls. 832-3484
Every Wed: **Open Mic** | 7 p.m. | \$3
Lark Tavern
453 Madison Ave., Albany. 463-9779
Fri: **New York Jazz Trio** | 6 p.m.

The Low Beat
335 Central Ave., 432-6572
Wed: **The Deadbeats** | 10 p.m. | \$5
Fri: **Everything Bagel, Blank Slate** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **The Modmen, Blackcat Elliot, Rearview** | 8 p.m.

McGeary's
4 Clinton Square, Albany. 463-1455
Wed: **Best Damn Open Mic Ever with MotherJudge** | 7:30 p.m.

Moon & River Café
115 S. Ferry St., Schenectady. 377-5100
Thur: **Kitchen Jazz** | 7 p.m.
Fri: **Mike Kailas & John Serrao** | 7 p.m.
Sat: **John Serrao** | 7 p.m.
Sun: **Open Mic** | 7:30 p.m.

Mouzon House
1 York St., Saratoga Springs. 226-0014
Wed: **Joe Gitto & Dan Wancyk** | 6:30 p.m.
Thur: **Hot Club of Saratoga Trio** | 7 p.m.

Oh Bar
304 Lark St., Albany. 463-9004
Thur: **Karaoke** | 10 p.m.

One Caroline Street
1 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs. 587-2026
Wed: **The Masters of Nostalgia** | 8:30 p.m.
Thur: **Chris Carey & Mike O'Donnell** | 8 p.m.
Fri: **George Muscatello** | 6 p.m.
Sat: **Peg Delaney** | 6 p.m.

Parish Public House
388 Broadway, Albany. 365-0444
Fri: **Lord Electro Teddy Midnight** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Shades of Gray** | 9 p.m.

Pauly's Hotel
337 Central Ave., Albany. paulyshotel.com
Sat: **Window** | 8 p.m.

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By Charles Preston

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Platinum Pub

795 3rd Ave., Watervliet. 270-9907
Every Tue: **Open Mic**

Prime at Saratoga National

458 Union Ave., Saratoga Springs.
583-4653

Sun: **Joe Sorrentino Trio (Jazz brunch)** | 10:30 a.m.

Putnam Den

63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs.
584-8066

Fri: **Tell Keller, At Bay, Blue Streak Blvd., Peacekeeper, Winter Kickball** | 9 p.m. | \$5

Sat: **Capital Zen, Revibe, Sammich** | 9:30 p.m. | \$7

Rustic Barn Pub

150 Speigletown Rd., Troy. 235-5858

Fri: **Gratefully Yours, Knot Dead Trio**

Sat: **Erin Harkes Band**

Sake Japanese Steakhouse

611 Troy-Schenectady Rd., Latham.
785-7215

Sat: **The New Edge** | 7:30 p.m.

Scrimshaw Tavern

Desmond Hotel, 660 Albany Shaker Rd.,
Colonie. 869-8100

Fri & Sat: **Ruth Hellcamp**

Speakeasy 518

42 Howard St., Albany. 449-2332

Wed: **David Vandervort** | 8 p.m.

Thur: **Bryan Brundige Duo** | 9 p.m.

Fri: **Jeff Nania Trio** | 9 p.m.

Sat: **Shaun McCarthy Trio** | 9 p.m.

Mon: **Joe Finn** | 8 p.m.

Stockade Inn

1 North Church St., Schenectady.
346-3400

Thur: **Kitchen Jazz** | 7 p.m.

Fri: **Wee-B3** | 7 p.m.

Tierra Coffee Roasters

1038 Madison Ave., Albany. 621-7299

Thur: **Jay Maloney** | 7 p.m.

Sat: **Jazz Connection** | 7 p.m.

Upstate Concert Hall

1208 New York 146, Clifton Park. 371-
0012 or upstateconcerthall.com.

Sat: **DJ TGIF, DJ Tek, DJ King Bully,**

DJ Show | 8 p.m. | \$25/ \$20 adv.

The Van Dyck

237 Union St., Schenectady. 348-7999

Tue: **Keith Pray's Big Soul Ensemble** | 8 p.m.

Waterworks Pub



Being Zora Neale Hurston

Cheryl Howard portrays author Zora Neale Hurston in American Place Theatre's production of "Zora!" The one-day-only show takes place Jan. 31 at 3 p.m. at the University at Albany Performing Arts Center.

Jennifer Barnette

76 Central Ave., Albany. 465-9079

Thur: **DJ Shawn Gillie** | 11 p.m.

Fri: **Karaoke** | 10 p.m.

Sat: **DJ David Barna** | 10 p.m.

Mon: **Karaoke** | 10 p.m.

Yono's

25 Chapel St., Albany. 436-7747.

Fri: **Hamilton Street Jazz Duo** | 6:30

p.m.

Sat: **Frank Mastan Jazz Duo** | 6:30 p.m.

Free. Information: www.simons-rock.edu.

Winter Gathering Concert

Kicking off People's Music Network's annual Winter Gathering with performances by Joe Jencks, Taina Asili, Ruth Pelham, The Peace Poets and storyteller Kay Olin. Jan. 29, 7:30 p.m., Hackett Middle School, 45 Delaware Ave., Al-

bany. Tickets: advance \$20, day of show \$25, Solidarity level \$35, students/low income \$10 advance, \$15 at door. Information: 434-1703, 346-6204 or 8thstep.org.

Stefon Harris & Sonic Creed

Albany native returns to region with his new jazz ensemble for an evening of improvisational music. Jan. 29, 8 p.m.,

The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$29.50. Information: 473-184 or www.theegg.org.

Baroque Music and Saturday Supper

The Four Nations Ensemble performs in the first in a series of baroque music inspired by paintings in the Clark Institute's collection, along with

a supper featuring comfort food. Jan. 30, 6 p.m., the Clark Art Institute, 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Tickets: adults \$45, museum members \$40, children under 12 \$15. Information: clarkart.edu.

Charles Yang with the Empire State Youth Orchestra

Rising star violinist Charles Yang performs with the region's premier youth orchestra in a program that includes modern works by Erich Korngold, Armand Ranjbaran, Arturo Marquez and Leonard Bernstein. Jan. 30, 7 p.m., Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$20-\$30. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

Anne Chamberlain

Pianist performs music by Debussy, Scriabin and Berg, along with works from contemporary composers Stefan Wolpe, Martin Brody and Ursula Mamlok. Jan. 31, 3:30 p.m., Bard College at Simon's Rock, Great Barrington, Mass. Free. Information: www.simons-rock.edu.

Candlebox Acoustic

Popular Seattle band from the 1990s returns to the road touring as an acoustic duo. Feb. 2, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$27.50. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

The Harlem Quartet

Classically-trained quartet that performs a wide range of styles, including works by minority composers. Feb. 4, 7:30 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: adults \$20-\$30, students \$15. Information: 273-0038 or troymusicall.org.

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CONCERTS

Simon's Rock Gospel Concert

College's kickoff to its Black History Month celebration features four choirs — Macedonia Baptist Church Praise Ensemble of Albany, Ivey Duo, Macedonia Church of God in Christ Choir of Springfield, Mass., and Prince Zion AME Choir of Pittsfield, Mass. Jan. 29, 7 p.m., McConnell Theatre, Bard College at Simon's Rock, Great Barrington, Mass.

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THEATRE

Naked Influence

Suzanne Bradbeer's story of a stripper who gets involved with a congressman, presented by Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, through Feb. 14. Information and tickets: 445-7469 or www.capitalrep.org.

Sleuth

Mystery and comedy blend in this classic thriller written by Anthony Shaffer about two men who battle for the love of a woman. Presented by Curtain Call Theatre, through Feb. 6, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham. Shows: Thursdays 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m., and Sundays 3 p.m. Special Jan. 16 matinee performance at 3 p.m. Tickets: \$24. Information: 877-7529 or www.curtaincalltheatre.com.

The Explorers Club

A free-wheeling farce of bold Victorian adventures by Neil Benjamin and directed by Mark Stephens. Jan. 29 through Feb. 7, Schenectady Civic Players, 12 South Church St., Schenectady. Shows: Wednesday and Thursday 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday 8 p.m., Sunday matinee 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$17. Information: 382-2081 or www.civicplayers.org.

The Weir

Conor McPherson's play about a group of locals who tell tales of their Irish village to a newcomer. Presented by the Ghent Playhouse, 6 Town Hall Place, Ghent, through Feb. 7. Shows: Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 2 p.m. Tickets: adults \$20, Friends of the Playhouse \$17, students with ID \$10. Information: (800) 838-3006 or www.ghentplayhouse.org.

ghentplayhouse.org.

PostSecret: The Show

Three actors bring to life stories posted to the popular website curated by Frank Warren. Jan. 29-31, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$20-\$30. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

American Place Theatre performs Zora!

A theatrical biography of author Zora Neale Hurston. Jan. 31, 3 p.m., Recital Hall, University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Information: 442-5620 or www.albany.edu/writers-inst.

Freedom Train

Park Playhouse presents the story of Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad through dramatic scenes and

music of the 1800s. Feb. 7, 2 p.m., and Feb. 8, 10 a.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets: adults \$20, children 12 and under free. Information: 465-4663 or palacetheatre.com.

8 p.m., Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$20-\$30. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

Single Squares of Albany

Modern western square dancing featuring caller Cliff Brodeur and cuer Esther Mindin. Feb. 3, 7:30 p.m., Colonie Elks Club, Watervliet Shaker Road, Latham. Tickets: \$7. Information: 674-2076.

COMEDY

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Presenting "Theatresports," an improvisation competition featuring teams of comedians competing in a variety of scenes, songs and stories based on the audience's suggestions. Fridays through Feb. 26, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: adults \$14, children and seniors \$6. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

The Funny Bone

"Saturday Night Live" alumnus Rob Schneider headlines Jan. 29 and 30. Crossgates Mall, Western Avenue, Guilderland. Shows: 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Tickets: \$30. Information: 313-7484 or Albany.funnybone.com.

The Comedy Works — Albany

Big Jay Oakerson headlines. Jan. 29 and 30, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., 500 Northern Blvd., Albany. Tickets and information: 512-4075 or thecomedyworks.com.

Jeff Dunham: Perfectly Unbalanced

Famed ventriloquist brings his cast of characters to town. Jan. 28, Times Union Center, 51 South Pearl St., Albany. Information: www.timesunion-center-albany.com.

Apollo Night at the Linda

Featuring comedians Will Rizzo, Bryan Burgess and Lady T, along with several artists and spoken word artists. Jan. 30, 7:30 p.m., The Linda: WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$15. Information: 465-5233 or thelinda.org.

FILM

Their Eyes were Watching God

Film screening and discussion with director Darnell Martin and scholar Emily Bernard. Jan. 29, 7 p.m., Page Hall, University of Albany downtown campus, 135 Western Ave., Albany. Information: 442-5620 or www.albany.edu/writers-inst.

The Three Stooges Film Festival

An evening of movies starring Larry, Moe and Curly. Feb. 1, 7 p.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets: adults \$5, children \$3. Information: 465-4663 or palacetheatre.com.

Molly Ringwald Revisits the Club

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LITERARY

Books Sandwiched In

Madelyn Thorne — Executive Director of Schenectady County Habitat for Humanity — reviews "Unfinished Business: Women, Men, Work, Family" by Anne Marie Slaughter. Feb. 1, noon, Schenectady County Central Library, 99 Clinton St., Schenectady. Attendees are encouraged to bring a lunch; beverages are available for a nominal fee. Information: 377-5643.

EDUCATION

Gallery Talks

Enjoy a docent-led tour of the museum's exhibitions. Saturdays and Sundays, 1 p.m. (Schedule subject to change, please call to confirm.) Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany. Info: 463-4478 or membership@albanyinstitute.org.

Home Made Theater

Offering acting classes for children ages 6-12 on four consecutive Saturdays, beginning Feb. 13, at the Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Spa State Park. "Discovering Theater" for children ages 6-8, 9:30 a.m.; cost is \$65. "Elements of Acting" for children ages 9-12, 10:45 a.m.; cost is \$80. Class sizes are limited to 12 students, and reservations are accepted in the order they are received. Information and registrations: 587-4427 or www.homemadetheater.org.

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Joe Jencks headlines gathering

Singer-songwriter Joe Jencks is the featured performer and guest speaker at the People's Music Network's annual Winter Gathering Jan. 29 through 31 at Hackett Middle School in Albany.

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ARTS CALENDAR

Library, 2228 Western Ave., Guilderland. To register, call 456-2400, ext. 4.

Geeks Who Drink

A quiz show with eight rounds of eight questions each, including a music round, an audio round and a picture round. Free to play, with prizes for the top two teams and bonus prizes throughout the game. Sundays, 7 p.m., Lionheart Pub, 448 Madison Ave., Albany.

Color Between Wines

Adult coloring program. Library supplies the art materials, but adults must bring their own beverages. Wednesdays, 5 p.m., Brunswick Community Library, 4118 State Highway 2, Troy. Information: 279-4023.

Zumba classes

Come for an hour of fun, aerobic dancing in this program, done in conjunction with the Troy YMCA. Mondays through Feb. 8, 5:45 p.m., Troy Public Library Lansingburgh Branch, 27 114th St., Troy. Reservations and information: 235-5310.

Yoga program

All levels are welcome to participate in this collaborative program between the Troy Public Library's Lansingburgh branch and the Troy YMCA. Please bring your own mat. Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m., through Feb. 10, 27 114th St. Reservations and information: 235-5310.

People's Music Network's Winter Gathering

A three-day symposium featuring workshops, an open mic and performances from several area singer-songwriters. Jan. 29-31, Hackett Middle School, 45 Delaware Ave., Albany. Registration: adults on a sliding scale from \$115 to \$170, but no one is turned away due to an inability to pay. Information: www.8thstep.org.

A Taste of Upstate New York

Author Chuck D'Imperio discusses his travels around upstate New York, seeking out stories of so many iconic foods, as part of the "Local Eats: Food, Culture, and Tradition" exhibit. Jan. 30, 2 p.m., Mabee Farm Historic Site, 1100 Main St., Rotterdam Junction. Tickets: \$5;

Schenectady County Historical Society members free. Information: 887-5073.

Capital Roots' Garden Bowl

An annual fundraiser benefitting Capital Roots' programs, which provide access to fresh food and green spaces for all. Jan. 30, 2 to 5 p.m., Uncle Sam Lanes, 600 Fulton St., Troy. Teams can register at bit.ly/CapitalRoots_GardenBowl. For more information, call 274-8685 or email events@capitalroots.org.

Delaware Avenue Hamlet Streetscape presentation

Plans for enhancing the streetscape along Delaware Avenue will be discussed at the presentation. Feb. 1, 5 p.m., Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Bethlehem. Information and reservations: Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, 439-0512.

Artist Lecture Series

Ira Marcks discusses his early illustrations and comic art and what he's doing today. Feb. 2, 6:30 p.m., Opalka Gallery at Sage College, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Information: 292-8607.

EXHIBITS

Albany Institute of History and Art

"The Capital Region in 50 Objects," through April 2016; plus "A Gather of Glass: Selections from the Museum's Collection," "Ancient Egypt" and more. 125 Washington Ave., Albany. Info: 463-4478 or www.albanyinstitute.org.

Albany Public Library

"Through the Looking Glass," featuring whimsical and imaginative works by Zach Austin, JoAnne Carson, Emily Dorr and Ingrid Ludt, through March 26. Pine Hills Branch, 517 Western Ave., Albany. Info: 482-7911.

Arts Center of the Capital Region

"Monica Bill Hughes: Artist in Residence," "Here + Away: Still Lifes + Landscapes," "Traces: Mary Pat Wager and Rachel Baxter" and "Centered: Our Journeys." 265 River St., Troy. Info: artscenteronline.org.

Carrie Haddad Gallery

"Photography," featuring a variety of innovative photo techniques. 622 Warren St., Hudson. Information: 828-1915 or carriedaddadgallery.com.

Greene County Council on the Arts

"Ten Artists: One Group Show," featuring works by Richard Armstrong, Lauren Simkin Berke, Dot Chast, Allen Grindle, Eva Melas, Giselle Potter, Kate Hamilton, Jim Krewson, Amy Siberkleit and Jersey Walz, as part of GCCA's 40th anniversary celebration. Through Feb. 27, GCCA Catskill Gallery, 398 Main St., Catskill. Information: 943-3400 or www.greenearts.org.

The Hyde Collection

"Norman Rockwell in the 1960s," featuring 21 illustrations and original magazine covers by the artist, through April 3; "60 from the 60s: Selections from the George Eastman Museum," through April 3. 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. Information: 792-1761 or www.hydecollection.org.

Lower Adirondack Arts Council

Presenting "Nurture by Nature," featuring works by Anne Havel, Treha Myth Downey, Jeanne Noordsy and Colleen O'Hara. Through Feb. 12, Lapham Gallery, 7 Lapham Place, Glens Falls. A gallery talk with the artists takes place Jan. 15 at 5 p.m., followed by an opening reception. Information: 798-1144, ext. 5, or www.larac.org.

Mabee Farm Historic Site

"Local Eats! What Does Your Food Say About You?" Featuring original artwork, artifacts and documents from the Schenectady County Historical Society, as well as pieces from the Iroquois Indian Museum, the USS Slater, Hanford Mills Museum, miSci and the City Mission, through April 8. 1100 Main St., Rotterdam Junction. Info: 887-5073 or schenectadyhistorical.org.

miSci

"Earth Exposed: Discover Our Planet's Hidden Secrets." Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Info: 382-7890 or www.miSci.org.

National Museum of Dance

"125 Years of Tango — A Walk through

the History of the Dance," featuring costumes, music, artifacts, rare film footage and historical materials of the origins of this famous dance. Through March 30. 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Info: 584-2225 or www.dance-museum.org.

New York State Museum

The Coast and the Sea: Marine and Maritime Art in America," through Feb. 21; plus "Binghamton University Paleobotany Collection," "The Passenger Pigeon: From Billions to Zero" and "Habitable Sculpture." Empire State Plaza, 222 Madison Ave., Albany. Info: 474-5877 or www.nysm.nysed.gov.

Opalka Gallery at Sage College

"Kate Teale: The Housed," an exhibition of atmospheric paintings and large-scale drawings of waves and bedsheets that float between figuration and

abstraction, plus a site-specific wall drawing. Jan. 26 through April 10. 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Information: 292-8607.

Tang Teaching Museum

"No Place to Hide," a collection of works about the impact of surveillance. Through Feb. 21, Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: tang.skidmore.edu.

Union College

"Recurrence," featuring artists Kira Nam Greene, Juan Hinojosa, Simone Meltesen, Karen Schiff, Sam Vernon and Rachael Wren, Mandeville Gallery, Nott Memorial second floor, through April 10; "Slippery Slope by Georgie Friedman," Peter Irving Wold Center, College Atrium, second floor, through Nov. 30.; "LIFE as Art: Digital Prints by Arielle Singer," Wikoff Student Gallery, Nott

Memorial, third floor, through March 20. Information: 388-6318 or www.union.edu/gallery.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Albany Center Gallery

Seeking artists who use re-used, recycled and reclaimed materials to create their works to submit pieces for the Times Union Home Expo. The gallery is accepting email submissions of up to three pieces until Feb. 2 at 5 p.m. All media welcome, within a 36-inch-by-36-inch frame. There are no size restrictions for sculptures. Emails must include the artist's name, the title of the work, the size, date created, material used for the work and value for each submission. Email images with the subject line "TU art submission" to director@albanycentergallery.org.



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The Harlem Quartet will play a jazz show Thursday, Feb. 4, at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall. For more information, call 273-0038 or visit troymusic hall.org.

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■ LIVE MUSIC

Jazz, folk acts coming to Troy

The Harlem Quartet, Mark and Maggie O'Connor to grace historic music hall's stage in early February

TROY — The Grammy Award winning Harlem Quartet will take to The Troy Savings Bank Music Hall stage on Thursday, Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m., followed by husband and wife violin duo Mark and Maggie O'Connor performing American Classics together on Friday, Feb. 5 at 8 p.m.

Tickets for both performances are available for purchase by calling 272-0038, in person at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall Box Office located at 30 Second Street in downtown Troy, or online at www.roymusichall.org.

Since its public debut in 2006 at Carnegie Hall, the New York-based Harlem Quartet, featuring Ilmar Gavilan, violin; Melissa White, violin; Jaime Amador, viola; and Felix Umansky, cello, has performed in chamber music series throughout the U.S. and around the world. The Quartet has also collaborated with a number of notable musicians, including jazz legends Chick Corea and Gary Burton.

Its program for the Troy concert promises to divert from classical compositions and include an eclectic mix of jazz with works by Corea, and other

notable artists such as Dizzy Gillespie, Abelardito Valdes and Wynton Marsalis, among others.

The following night, Mark and Maggie O'Connor will perform a broad and interconnecting collection of American music through violin solos and duos. To create American Classics, Mark mined a huge body of repertoire that made its impact on American music, and selected and arranged tunes that represent stylistic importance, pedagogical value and have timeless appeal.

The production is influenced by the

work of iconic folk fiddler and innovating American fiddler, Benny Thomasson, and improvising French jazz violinist, Stephane Grappelli.

The Troy Savings Bank Music Hall has hosted performances with legends including Ella Fitzgerald and Sergei Rachmaninoff, and the best artists from the contemporary music scene, such as Joshua Bell and Lyle Lovett.

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■ LIVE MUSIC

Styx to play Palace

Rock band still on stride for top-notch shows

ALBANY — Styx, the band that rose to top-hit status in the 1970s and early 1980s with songs that included “Lady,” “Come Sail Away” and “Blue Collar Man,” will perform Thursday, Feb. 18 at the Palace Theatre in Albany.

The six members of Styx are committed to rocking audiences far and wide and making the next show better than the last. The band draws from more than four decades of barn burning chart hits, joyous singalongs, and hard-driving deep cuts.

After Styx hit its stride with 1976’s Crystal Ball, it then became the first group

to score four triple-platinum albums in a row: The Grand Illusion (1977), Pieces of Eight (1978), Cornerstone (1979), and Paradise Theater (1981).

After more than a decade together on the road, this incarnation of Styx is looking forward to performing as many shows as it can for as long as it can. “It all comes back to the chemistry,” says bassist/vocalist Ricky Phillips. “The legacy of this band will be that it brought joy to millions of people,” notes drummer Todd Sucherman.

Tickets, which cost \$84.50, \$59.50,



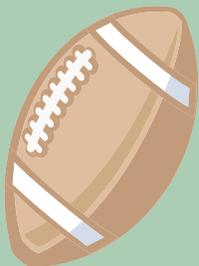
Styx will perform at the Palace Theatre in Albany on Feb. 18.

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\$49.50 and \$39.50, are on sale at the Palace Theatre Box Office (located at 19 Clinton Ave). Regular Box Office hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Box Office may be open during other select hours for events and On Sales.

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From page B1 ... Making a splash

and stuff like that—but, at the end of the day, I'm a bartender. If someone wants a vodka and Red Bull, because that's their favorite drink, then I'm going to make them the best vodka and Red Bull they've ever had. I keep that in the back of my mind every single day." He's not kidding. If you order a vodka and red bull from Fiorini, there's a good chance he'll set it on fire.

Fiorini moved from the Midwest, he said, "for a pretty girl." While that relationship ultimately didn't work out (take note, ladies), he says he owes her a debt for bringing him out here. "I would never have imagined being on the East Coast and doing the things that I'm doing. The past year has been pretty insane." Sitting in a comfortable alcove at Wellington's on Jan. 20, Fiorini recalls the day, exactly a year ago, that he arrived in Albany. "There was that huge blizzard and here I was, trying to look professional and find a job while walking around in

five-degree weather getting blasted with wind and snow." He couldn't wear a hat, he said, because he didn't want to mess up his hair.

After a false start at McGuire's on Lark Street, Fiorini found a job at Publick House 42. "It's a little Irish pub and the people who come in there are mainly scotch and whiskey drinkers, but every once in a while there would be someone looking for a cocktail and I would take advantage of that and I would make them a cocktail in that bar." That's how he heard about Speakeasy 518, he said. Someone recommended that he check it out and, after some preliminary research on Yelp, he decided he had to go.

"I believe Emmanuel [Treski] was my bartender," said Fiorini, referring to the winner of last year's Battle of the Bartenders competition at the Food and Wine Festival. "We basically just hit it off," he said, "and I became an instant regular. I would



◀ Fiorini took first prize at the Woodford Reserve challenge in Albany, and moves on to regional competition in New York City.

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me a call." Mack, who runs the bar at Speakeasy, and Fiorini had become close, he said; he had even been on a few trips to a distillery down south with the bar staff. "And he said he knew I was going through some things and thinking about leaving. He said 'But, if you don't want to, I would love to offer you a job here at the Speakeasy.'"

"To this day I am so humbled every time I step behind that bar," he said sincerely. "Because I'm able to work alongside people like Emmanuel and Justin [Secor-Rubenstein] and Robert. They are just encyclopedias of knowledge and incredible bartenders. It is just such an honor; I'm learning something new every single day."

When the new Wellington's restaurant at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Albany, right around the corner from Speakeasy, opened, Fiorini was scouted for the job. "These guys are handpicked," said Leola Edelin, general manager of the hotel. "It's one of the most important positions to recruit for. And," she laughed, "one of the most fun." Noting that Wellington's has only been open since October of last year, Edelin said that they were thrilled that one of their own had won the Battle of the Bartenders competition. "Because there are a lot of experienced guys that were part of that competition and people that [Fiorini] would say that he's learned from."

"We're all friends," he said of his competition.

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nag them and ask them questions because, as I said, I only had five months training and knew I had a lot to learn." Eventually, Fiorini found himself at Blu Stone Bistro, where he said he encountered his

second employer/mentor. "A lot of the opportunities I've had here are because of Thomas Sieger from Blu Stone. He hired me after I made a cocktail for him that I had never made before!"

Fiorini said that, if it were not for the friends he made, he probably wouldn't still be here. When things went south with the pretty girl, he seriously considered moving back home. "And then Robert [Mack] gave

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“We were all running around during the event and trying each other’s drinks. That’s what was awesome about it, honestly, was that we were all friends and it was very good-natured. It just so happened that the judges liked my drinks on that particular day.” Touting the skills of every bartender that took part, he said, “I could not be more honored than to have just shared that with them, let alone winning.”

Fiorini has plans to establish a regional chapter of the United States Bartender Guild and see more events like the bartending competition as well as cooperation among the Capital District’s craft cocktail masters. Increasing the visibility, as well as the approachability, of craft cocktails in a region he says is not always receptive to straying from their craft beers and gin-and-tonics, is a personal goal of his.

“I’m really excited about this place,” he says. “There’s so much potential here.”



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■ LIFESTYLE

The people we meet along the way

There may be a hidden plan behind the people we meet

By **DENISE BENNETT**
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People come into your life at different points of time not by mere chance but by a greater mechanism to teach you a lesson. That lesson can be inspirational, heart wrenching or a wake-up call.

I recently attended a conference and was surprised by the amount of people I got to meet and interact with. More importantly, I was intrigued. Why am I meeting *these* particular people? What does it mean to me?

Does this ever happen to you? Let's explore together.

Let's start by introducing you to Sally. Sally is a recent graduate of a prestigious institution and recently found out she was pregnant. Sally has a stable job, stable home life and can provide you with whatever answer you seek. In essence, she's the person I tend to stay away from; the perfect know it all. I was polite to an extent and then the gloves were off when she insulted my intelligence and didn't give me respect. We sparred on all types of topics; college, motherhood, money and professionalism. Not once could she entertain another person's ideas. Not once could she admit she never thought another way. Finally, I did what any diva would do and schooled her on her own foolish thinking. I am almost ten years her senior, it was my public service to her. That and I just like to argue with people, it is as genetic as my root color.

Then I got to thinking. Why did I meet her? Perhaps it was to motivate me to write pieces of prose like this. Perhaps me meeting her, wasn't as important as she meeting me. Follow? Perhaps this young lady who lacks humility and understanding needed to meet a strong, open minded woman who could try to beat a little sense into her, before her new born comes into the world. It is easy when you're young to think you have all the answers. It's easy when you're fresh out of school to think you have the latest and greatest book education and that, of course, trumps real life experience. But it doesn't. Sally has a lot of growth to do and hopefully she can learn from her fellow

cohorts to smile, be polite and listen for once.

The one woman I befriended, let's call her Mary, was someone I had to meet. Mary is a single mom of three adult children who went back to school at 40 to become a registered nurse. She's now approaching 60 and was in the course to hone additional skills. Talk about driven and motivated by passion! She was quiet, extremely polite and soft spoken. Mary is an example of her generation and experience, while being a quiet fighter and survivor. I told her as much. Then she told me something that floored me. She told me she admired me. She couldn't believe what I do, professionally and personally. She told me women of my generation have it so much tougher because we have to do it "all," referencing child rearing and a career. I told her we just do what we do to make it work. But, then I realized something — Take the compliment. Say, "thank you." Acknowledge it is okay to accept the wondrous things I do perform on a daily basis. In addition to taking the compliment, I shared with her some of my louder, more out spoken philosophies, and urged her to take control of her office. Remind those young ladies she manages that she is the boss. I would say our chance encounter was mutual. She slipped me a note and said thank you for teaching her how to "right her ship". I thanked her for the kind words and good stories. I slipped her my card and asked to keep in touch.

The moral of this story? You never know who you are going to meet and why. I believe we meet people and they meet us out of universal necessity to teach us things we need to learn. The difficult portion of this equation is learning when we are the student and when we are the teacher. I think we can be both simultaneously. I will know how I look if I emulate some of Sally's egregious behaviors. Conversely, if I could share my outspoken personality and lend someone some of my confidence as I hope I did with Mary, then I won. I got to teach someone and that makes for a good day.

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SparkFun's Jeff Branson to mentor, judge two-day hardware challenge

TROY — The Tech Valley Center of Gravity (COG) invites “hackers” from near and far to a two-day “hackathon” hardware challenge in its newly opened downtown space.

The “Internet of Things Hackathon, hosted by the Tech Valley Center of Gravity and Powered by AT&T,” will take place from Saturday, Jan. 30 to Sunday, Jan. 31.

“Hacking has a PR problem because of a few hackers who write malicious code to spread viruses or steal data,” said Erica Iannotti, TVCOG chair. “The act of hacking is really about making something do something that it wasn’t designed for in order to solve a problem.”

A hackathon is an event, usually lasting more than a day, during which groups of computer programmers and other tech-oriented people collaborate intensely on projects using software. Hackers typically stay in the space the entire time working constantly.

“Hackathons are around-the-clock intense,” Iannotti said. “They sleep here. No showers. You’re living on Red Bull, Cheetos and adrenaline. At the end of the weekend we celebrate what they’ve produced.”

There will be a top prize of at least \$1,000, as well as other giveaways including a free TVCOG membership. But Iannotti says most hackers will come for the camaraderie, the excitement of competition, the good food (in addition to Cheetos), the bragging rights and, most of all, the opportunity to mess with hardware they can’t afford to own themselves.

“Most hackathons focus on software, this one will combine software, hardware and the Internet,” Iannotti said. “Teams of hackers will spend the weekend at TVCOG making software to connect physical objects to the Internet in new and interesting ways.”

Jeff Branson, educational outreach coordinator for

SparkFun Electronics, will be attending the hackathon to mentor the participants and judge their creations. SparkFun Electronics is an online retailer that sells the parts to make your project a reality. SparkFun has been a champion of open-source hardware and software since 2003 and remains a committed partner for education, professional development and technological literacy. SparkFun provides educational resources, hookup guides and project tutorials for a range of ages and abilities from kindergarten to NASA.

“SparkFun is always thrilled to support hackathons. The value for us is in working side by side with the people in our community to develop and deploy new solutions for a digital citizenry. We participate in hackathons across the country that focus on embedded systems, Internet of Things, Node.js and community-based problem solving,” Branson said. “It’s particularly fun for me to come



A pair of hackers work on a project at the Tech Valley Center of Gravity in downtown Troy recently.

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back to the Capital District, where I grew up, and work with TVCOG!”

Kishor Bagul, entrepreneur and former chief technology officer of New York state and a TVCOG board member, will also judge the contest.

The hackathon’s theme is The Internet of Things (IoT) which is the network of physical objects

or “things” embedded with electronics, software, sensors, and network connectivity, which enables these objects to collect and exchange data.

Registration is required to participate in the free event. For more information or to register, visit www.tvcog.net/hackathon.

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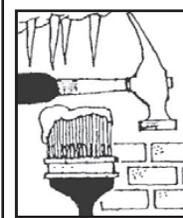
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Regional premiere of new work by Disney's The Lion King choreographer in Schenectady

SCHENECTADY— Two local premieres, one by Disney's The Lion King, Tony & Olivier Award-winning choreographer Garth Fagan and the other by Fagan's muse, rehearsal director and Bessie Award winner Norwood Pennewell are among the highlights of Garth Fagan Dance's 45th anniversary celebration on Friday, Jan. 29 at 8 p.m. at Proctors Theatre.

Fagan's "Geoffrey Holder Life Fete...Bacchanal" is a choreographic tribute to his friend, Geoffrey Holder. Holder died in 2014, at 84, after a long theatrical career as a choreographer, an actor, a director, a dancer, a costume designer and painter.

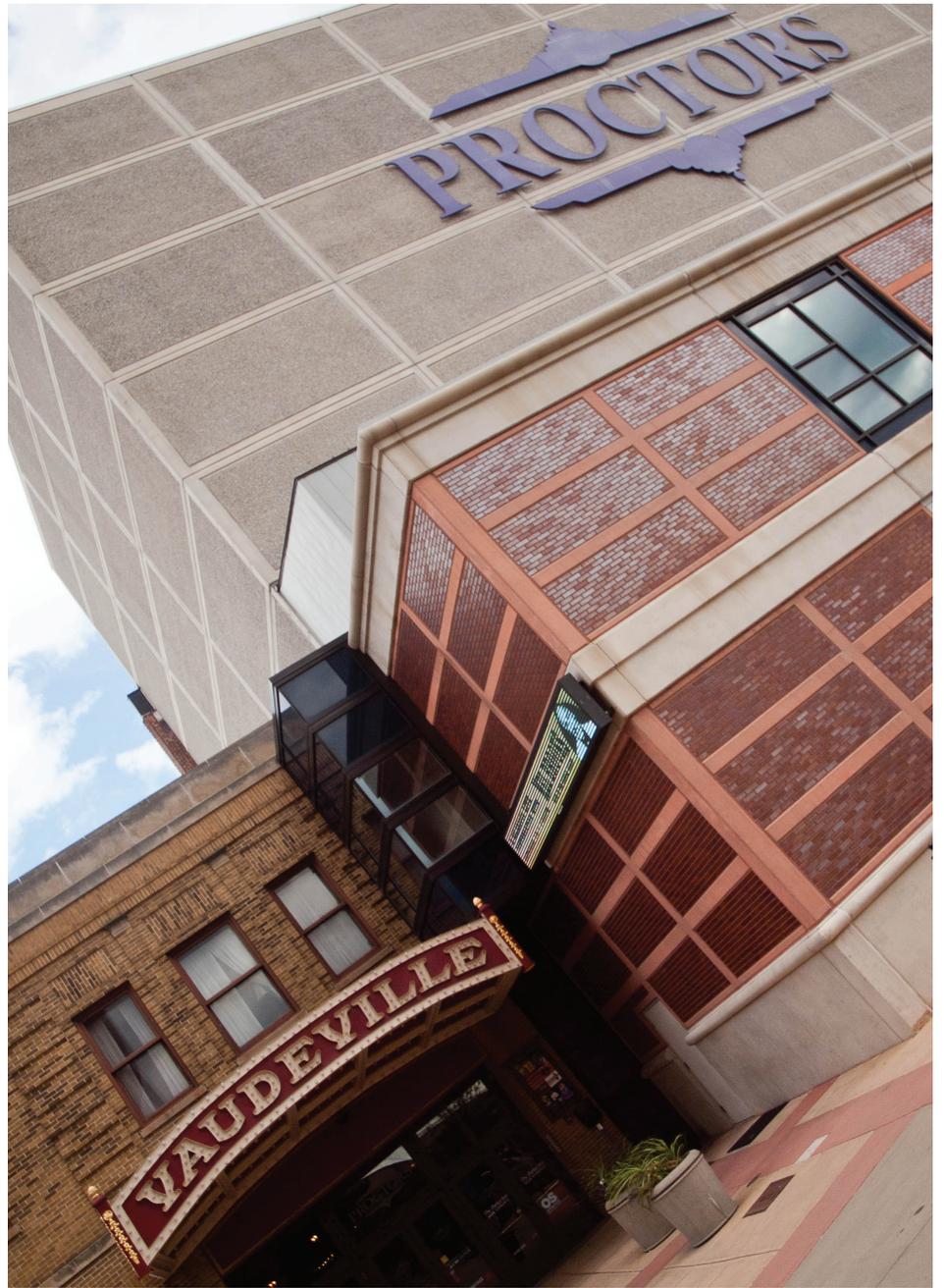
Originally titled "Dance for/With Geoffrey," the dance has undergone a series of major revisions since its premiere at Lincoln Center Out of Doors last August. With music by Robert Greenidge, and dialogue by Leo Holder, the work recognizes the partying life spirit of Fagan's lost friend. "Bacchanal" refers to the Trinidadian description of a great party—"How was it?" "Bacchanal." And such was Holder's life, according to Fagan, whose dance celebrates that and Holder's 59-year marriage to Carmen de Lavallade.

Norwood Pennewell returns home to Schenectady, who was raised in Hamilton Hill, to premiere "So You See," Pennewell's fifth for the Fagan company. It's described as a 'loose narrative' by the choreographer, who has danced with Fagan for 36 years. Responding in a variety of different ways to the score comprised of music by Vijay Iyer and Marc Cary, Pennewell's dance explores and celebrates a woman's encounters, reflections and conclusions about a love affair gone wrong.

A 45th anniversary is also a time to dial back a bit and take stock. Hence, the program will be studded with some of Fagan's most beloved works—with possibilities including "Oatka Trail" from 1979; "Griot New York," premiered at BAM in 1991; "Two Pieces of One: Green" from 1998; "Passion Distanced," performed first in 1987; and "Come Celebrate" from "Woza," in 1999—that speak to the eclectic range of his musical and movement imagination.

The price of tickets range from \$20 to \$30 and are available at the Box Office at Proctors, by phone at 346-6204 or through proctors.org.

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■ PLAYER OF THE WEEK



HAYDEN THOMPSON

Bethlehem's Hayden Thompson is the MarGas Spotlight Player of the Week for the period ending Sunday, Jan. 24. Thompson scored 38 points in the Eagles' two Suburban Council victories over Niskayuna and Mohonasen last week.

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■ INSIDE



Sischo shines

Andrew Sischo had another strong week for the Guilderland boys basketball team, as the Dutchmen won two Suburban Council games.

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■ BETHLEHEM



▲ Bethlehem's Braden LaClair (24) attempts to take a shot in traffic during the fourth quarter of a Suburban Council home game against Mohonasen Friday, Jan. 22.

Bethlehem's Aaron Carrk brings the ball down court during the third quarter.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight



Eagles dominate

Bethlehem races past Mohonasen after needing three OTs to edge Nisky

By **ROB JONAS**

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BETHLEHEM — Three nights after a hard-fought win against Niskayuna, the Bethlehem boys basketball team had an easy effort against Mohonasen.

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■ GUILDERLAND

Dutch keep winning

Andrew Sischo helps Guilderland beat Saratoga and Ballston Spa

By **ROB JONAS**

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GUILDERLAND — Guilderland fended off Ballston Spa 56-48 in a Suburban Council boys basketball game Friday, Jan. 22.

The Dutchmen led by 15 points at the end of the third quarter before the Scotties trimmed the lead to single digits with a 23-point fourth quarter.

Justin Monin had 18 points, and Andrew Sischo contributed 17 points for Guilderland. Jack Fitzgerald led Ballston Spa with 19 points.

Guilderland built a 38-25 halftime lead on its way to a 71-52 victory over Saratoga Springs Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Sischo poured in 31 points, and Michael Wine chipped in with 15 points for the Dutchmen. Adam Anderson led the Blue

Streaks with 14 points.

Girls basketball

Guilderland jumped out to a 17-6 lead in the first quarter and cruised to a 58-43 win against Ballston Spa in a Suburban Council girls basketball game Friday, Jan. 22.

Olivia Bauman netted 24 points, and Skye Lindsay chipped in with 18 points for the Lady Dutch. Olivia Allrich had 17 points for the Scotties.

Saratoga jumped out to a 13-2 lead in the first quarter and cruised to a 61-46 victory over Guilderland Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Kerry Flaherty poured in 26 points, and Catherine Cairns contributed 24 points for the Blue Streaks. Bauman scored 13 points, and Lindsay added 12 points for Guilderland.

Hockey

Daniel Cooper made 62 saves for Guilderland/Mohonasen/Scotia in a 7-0 Capital District High School Hockey League loss to Shenendehowa Wednesday, Jan. 20, in Clifton Park.

Hayden Haldane had a hat trick and two assists for the Plainsmen.

Boys swimming

Shenendehowa eased past Guilderland-Voorheesville 100-75 in a Suburban Council boys swim meet Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Six different Plainsmen won individual events to lead the way.

Daniel Zhu won the 50-yard freestyle for Guilderville. Michael Ardito (100-yard backstroke) and Jeremy Collison (100 breaststroke) also won races.

From page 11 ... Eagles dominate

The Eagles had four players in double figures to defeat the Mighty Warriors 72-48 in a Suburban Council game Friday, Jan. 22.

Hayden Thompson led the way with 15 points, while Luke Dole chipped in with 13 points. Braden LaClair and Ryan Murray each added 10 points. Dane Lasher scored 11 points for Mohonasen.

Bethlehem came out on the right end of a close game with a 92-91 triple overtime victory over Niskayuna Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Thompson scored 23 points, and Michael Ortale contributed 22 points to lead the Eagles. Three more players reached double figures for Bethlehem, which outscored Niskayuna 15-9 in the fourth quarter to force extra time.

Dole had 15 points, while Murray and Matthew Riker each added 12 points. Andrew Evans poured in 33 points, and Tommy Kelly chipped in with 29 points for Niskayuna.

It was only Bethlehem's third win of the season and its first by single digits. On the other side of the coin,

seven of the Eagles' 12 losses this season have been by six or fewer points.

Green Tech used a balanced attack to defeat Bethlehem 78-47 in a non-league boys basketball game at the Washington Avenue Armory.

Neftali Lind and Dasier Lukes each scored 11 points for Green Tech, which built a 37-18 halftime lead.

Riker netted 11 points, and Zane Thompson added 10 points for Bethlehem.

Girls basketball

Bethlehem defeated Mohonasen 59-45 in a Suburban Council girls basketball game Friday, Jan. 22, in Rotterdam.

Jenna Giacone scored 18 points, and Emily Wander contributed 11 points for the Lady Eagles.

Bethlehem defeated Niskayuna 61-33 on the road Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Julianna Okoniewski had 14 points, and Giacone chipped in with 11 points for the Lady Eagles, who raced out to a 42-21 lead after three quarters.

Olivia Souky paced Niskayuna with 12 points.

Hockey

Bethlehem defeated Niskayuna/Schenectady 5-3 in a Capital District High School Hockey League game Saturday, Jan. 24, despite 55 saves from Mohawks goaltender James Blanchfield.

Matt and Mike Bievenue each had a goal and an assist for the Eagles. Mike Lemieux, Andrew Yanowsky and Thomas Liebold scored Bethlehem's other goals, and Brian Harder added a pair of assists.

Cliff Vitkin led Niskayuna/Schenectady with a goal and two assists.

Bethlehem broke open a close game with a two-goal third period to defeat Queensbury 5-2 Wednesday, Jan. 20.

Ned Engelbride scored the go-ahead goal midway through the second period, and Kellen Hagen and Lemieux added third period goals to lead the Eagles. Lemieux also tallied twice in the first period to finish the evening with a hat trick.

Jake Edwards and Ryan Mosher had first period goals for Queensbury, and goaltender Teddy Nolan stopped 35 shots. Alex Breiner made 28 saves for Bethlehem.

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■ COMMUNITY



New Albany fireman

Mike Griffiths, left, of the Slingerlands Fire Department was one of 23 firefighters sworn in by the Albany Fire Department on Jan. 8. Griffiths, Cory Vanleuvan and Kyle Eckert — all from Slingerlands F.D. — were part of a recruiting class that included one woman. Pictured with Griffiths is, from his left, Nicole Izzo, Gayle Griffiths and Roger Griffiths.

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Three arrested for selling alcohol to minor

BETHLEHEM — Bethlehem Police arrested three store employees after they allegedly sold alcohol to a minor during a staged compliance check of 25 establishments held on Thursday, Jan. 21.

Dijonnaise A. Gerald, 22, and Shelan Madera, 36, of both of Albany, along with Gamini P. Kandamulla-Archchige, 55, were arrested while working at the Glenmont Walmart, Speedway in Delmar and Glenmont Mobil, respectively.

All three subjects were charged with unlawful dealing with a child in the first degree, a misdemeanor. They are scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on Tuesday, Feb. 2. Further charges against the respective establishments are pending from New York State Liquor Authority, which assisted in the investigation with aid from persons under the age of 21.

Woman pleads guilty to scam targeting elderly persons

ALBANY — Jessica Paradiso, 27, of Schenectady, pleaded guilty to two counts of attempted grand larceny and one count of conspiracy in the fifth as a hate crime, all felonies, after she and several others were charged with performing home repair work under false pretenses in a scam targeting the elderly, announced District Attorney David Soares on Friday, Jan. 15.

Between February and November 2014, Paradiso and others either overcharged or failed to do work for which payment was collected on several driveway sealing, foundation work and roof repair jobs in the city of Albany, and towns of Bethlehem and Colonie.

The theft from all victims was in excess of \$40,000. Paradiso faces up to 6 to 12 years in state prison when she is sentenced. The case against her codefendants remains open and pending in Albany County Court.

Delmar man arrested for sexual abuse



Ian O'Brien

BETHLEHEM — On Monday, Jan. 18, Bethlehem Police arrested Ian D. O'Brien, 41, of Delmar for allegedly engaging in inappropriate sexual contact with a minor.

Subsequent to a complaint made to the state child abuse hotline, Bethlehem Police determined that O'Brien had inappropriate contact with a person under 15 years old during this past summer. The victim was known to O'Brien, but does not reside in the Capital District at this time.

O'Brien was charged with misdemeanor counts of forcible touching and sexual abuse in the third degree. He was arraigned in Town of Bethlehem court and released under supervision of the Albany County Probation Department. He is scheduled to reappear in court on Feb. 16.

Anyone who believes that his or her children may have had inappropriate contact with O'Brien is requested to contact his or her local police department.

Other arrests:

- State Police arrested Gar Gataroska, 66, of Guilderland, on Monday, Jan. 18, around 9:20 p.m. and charged him with DWI. Police stopped Gataroska for allegedly speeding on State Route

146 in Guilderland, and he reportedly failed field sobriety tests. Gataroska is scheduled to appear in Guilderland Town Court on Jan. 28.

- State Police arrested Yolonda L. Newsome, 43, of Schenectady, on Friday, Jan. 15, around

10:40 p.m. and charged her with felony aggravated DWI, felony aggravated unlicensed operation in the first degree and multiple vehicle and traffic violations. Police stopped Newsome on I-90 for multiple alleged traffic violations. She reportedly

had a BAC of 0.23 percent. Newsome has two prior DWI convictions within the last 10 years. She was arraigned in Town of Guilderland Court and remanded to Albany County Jail in lieu of \$20,000 cash bail or bond.

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coming to us, many of whom have special needs," he explained. "Many are not English speakers. We have legal, moral and ethical obligations to educate these students accordingly. So, as a result, we have had to add on staff in the course of the year to meet these needs and we anticipate that we will have to add staff next year to continue to meet our mandated needs. This is not discretionary; these are state and federally mandated regulations. With that expense being automatically assumed in our budget, and with a flat or decreased state aid amount, it makes it very, very difficult to meet our obligations and simultaneously present a balanced budget. But we will work very hard.

"I know that the New York State Senate has called for a restoration of the GEA," continued the superintendent. "I think that is a positive step. I believe they've tied that to tax credits for individuals who choose to send students to private and parochial schools," he said, "but, I am certainly supportive of their efforts to call for elimination of the GEA. I would hope, also, that the Assembly would follow suit as well as support an increase in basic foundation aid and actually come closer to the proposal put forth by the New York State Board of Regents, which more than doubles the governor's proposal." The Board of Regents, which sets state education policy, requested full restoration of GEA

and a \$1.3 billion increase to foundation aid.

"The governor's proposals have never been geared toward the middle class," said Steck. "They're geared toward the extremely wealthy donors who donate money to private schools." While he said he wasn't aware of a tax credit proposal in the Senate, he said that he prefers the idea of tuition-based tax deductions that would benefit middle-class parents who save to send their children to private schools rather than tax credits for wealthy downstaters who donate primarily to downstate schools with already astronomical operating budgets.

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— Phil Steck
State Assemblyman
District 110

from where he is and then we have to make corrections and, in the past, the way that we have made those corrections is by putting more money into foundation aid because, as I said, it provides the most benefits to the schools in my districts and all the high- and average-needs districts around the state.

"The governor has never taken any kind of significant position on fully funding foundation aid," said Steck, acknowledging that compromises would have to be made before he would be willing to vote for the 2016-2017 budget. "He has to be dragged into [funding increases] by the legislature, kicking and screaming."

This will be the second budget negotiation for Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie (D-83) and the first for Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan (R-2). Both party leaders have indicated they will push for increased funding.

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SEQR Lead Agency: NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 457 HAMILTON STREET, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed on 11/19/15 with the Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY). Office Location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to PO Box 6632, Albany, NY, 12206. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#106810

LEGAL NOTICE

562 7St, LLC. Arts. of Organization filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/04/16. Off. loc.: Albany Co. SSNY des. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 303 Forest Drive South, Short Hills, NJ 07078. Purpose: General. Ad#107104

LEGAL NOTICE

574 7St, LLC. Arts. of Organization filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/04/16. Off. loc.: Albany Co. SSNY des. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 303 Forest Drive South, Short Hills, NJ 07078. Purpose: General. Ad#107103

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 58 ELBERON PLACE (ALBANY), LLC. Arts. of Org. filed on 1/7/16 with the Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY). Office Location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to PO Box 6632, Albany, NY, 12206. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#106815

LEGAL NOTICE

635 5th Ave. LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 10/7/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Nat Guerriera, 363 6th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11215. General purpose. Ad#104662

LEGAL NOTICE

65 NORTH MIDWAY ROAD, LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed w/SSNY on 12/8/15. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process &

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shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#105133

LEGAL NOTICE

67-56 78TH STREET, LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed w/SSNY on 12/8/15. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#105135

LEGAL NOTICE

79-06 68TH ROAD, LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed w/SSNY on 12/8/15. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#105136

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Articles of Organization of 8 Irving LLC (the "LLC") were filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on December 1, 2015, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o Brian Perrotto, 6 Delsmere Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity within the purposes for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Limited Liability Law of the State of New York. Ad#104901

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF AFN DISABILITY CONSULTING, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/16/2015. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, P.O. Box 11184, Loudonville, NY 12211. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#105174

LEGAL NOTICE

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is AL-AQSA MEAT & GROCERY IMPORT ,LLC. The filing date of the Articles of Organization is April 24, 2014. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is the designated agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Sec-

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retary of State shall mail a copy of any process to 200 Troy Schenectady Rd, Latham , NY 12110 Ad#105631

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC). Annex Entertainment LLC. Articles of Org. filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/10/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process may be served, SSNY shall mail copy of process to 42 Eagle St Albany, NY. Purpose is any lawful purpose. Ad#104870

LEGAL NOTICE

ARCHITECTURAL BUILDING SERVICES, LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed w/SSNY on 11/12/15. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#105144

LEGAL NOTICE

BATTERY PROPERTY LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed w/SSNY on 11/17/15. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#105141

LEGAL NOTICE

Belmont Re. LLC, filed with the SSNY on 12/16/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 222-240 Belmont Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11207. General purpose. Ad#105172

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: BeltTalk LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY 12/18/15. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: In Albany county. SSNY is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 28 Comely Ln, Latham, NY 12110. Ad#107134

LEGAL NOTICE

Buckram Partners, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/20/15. Off. loc.: Albany Co. SSNY des. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 15 Buckram Road, Locust Valley, NY 11560. Purpose: General. Ad#105503

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: CHELSEA DHC LLC. Certificate of Formation filed with

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Delaware Secretary of State, December 15, 2015. Application for Authority filed with NYS Department of State, December 23, 2015. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to c/o Dawn Homes Management LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, NY 12211. Ad#106034

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CV INVESTORS LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on December 17, 2015. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C., 677 Broadway, Suite 500, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#105496

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ARCHITECTURAL BUILDING SERVICES, LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed w/SSNY on 11/17/15. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#105144

LEGAL NOTICE

DCE SOLUTIONS LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed w/SSNY on 12/14/15. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#105154

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Deer Valley Ventures LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 1/7/16. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 57 Duncan Phye Lane, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#106296

LEGAL NOTICE

Delmar Painting & Contracting, LLC Articles of Organization, filed New York Secretary of State (SSNY). Office in Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Eli Morone, 3 Taylor Terrace, Delmar, New York 12054. Purpose: any lawful act. Ad#105642

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of a Corporation. ECA on Pearl Inc. Certificate of Incorporation filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/23/2015. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process may be served, SSNY shall mail copy of process to 42 Eagle St Albany, NY. Purpose is any lawful purpose. Ad#104868

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Notice of Formation of ELBERON PARKING, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed on 12/4/15 with the Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY). Office Location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to PO Box 6632, Albany, NY, 12206. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#106818

LEGAL NOTICE

Fat Cat Antiques, LLC Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization filed with the Department of State of NY on November 30th, 2015. Office location Albany County. Secretary of State of NY State is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Secretary of State may mail a copy of any process to Fat Cat Antiques, LLC 760 Route 9W, Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: Any lawful act. Ad#106317

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FIDZIELLA GROUP LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed w/SSNY on 12/17/15. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#105152

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF FINE PROPERTIES WESTERN, LLC On 12/28/2015, Articles of Organization of Fine Properties Western, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York. The office of the NY limited liability company is located in Albany County. The SSSNY is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address within New York State to which the SSSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is Fine Properties Western, LLC, 1529 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203. The purpose of the limited liability company is for any lawful business purpose or purposes. Ad#105554

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Notice of formation of fix it for you LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/30/15 . Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon process against it may be served. SSNY Shell Mail process to: PARACORP INCORPORATED, ONE COMMERCIAL PLAZA, 99 WASHINGTON AVE #805A, ALBANY, NY 12210-2822. Purpose: any lawful activities. Ad#107431

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GALLERY HOMZZ, LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed w/SSNY on 11/17/15. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#105156

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Gallo Pediatric Dentistry, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY (SOS) on 12/22/15. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 16 Fenway Drive, Albany, NY 12211. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#106187

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: GREENER TOMORROWS LAWN CARE, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, December 3, 2015. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 75 Esplanade Street, Selkirk, NY 12158. Ad#106097

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GRHWG GROUP, LLC Notice of formation of GRHWG Group, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 12/9/15. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 43 British American Boulevard, Latham, New York 12110. Purposes: any lawful activity. Ad#105179

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of: HART STREET 255 LLC Art of Org filed w/ SSNY on 2/14/2014 in ALBANY County. SSNY is designated Agent of LLC to whom process may be served. SSNY may mail copy of any process to HART STREET 255 LLC, 85 Lorimer Street, Brooklyn NY 11206 Latest date to dissolve: indefinite Purpose: any lawful activity Ad#107488

LEGAL NOTICE

Home & Business Insurance Agency LLC Notice of Qualification - LLC was filed with the SSNY on December 22, 2015. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against

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may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: Home & Business Insurance Agency LLC, 443 Crown Point Circle, Ste. A, Grass Valley, CA 95945. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#105970

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of LLC-J&Z 8, LLC has filed an Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of New York on 12/11/2015. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served. A copy of any process shall be mailed to 2050 Western Ave., Guilderland, NY 12084. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. Ad#105175

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JPIRT 81 MERCER, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/22/15. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Pep Real Estate, 25 Howard St., 2nd Fl, NY, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#106562

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC Klowl9 Vape, LLC. The filing date of the Articles of Organization is December 17, 2015. The purpose of the LLC is to manufacture E-Juice and sell to retail stores or directly to consumer. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. SSNY is the designated agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which SSNY shall mail a copy of any process is 5 Harmony Hill Rd, Albany NY 12203. Ad#107186

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LA CASA DEL MOFONGO 207 LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed w/SSNY on 11/3/15. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#105150

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).Name: LDFT II LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, January 8, 2016. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. Ad#106575

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Notice of Formation of MCV INVESTORS LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on December 17, 2015. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C., 677 Broadway, Suite 500, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#105499

LEGAL NOTICE

Montie Acquisitions, LLC, a foreign LLC, filed with the SSNY on 12/7/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o BlumbergExcelsior, 16 Court St., Brooklyn, NY 11241. General purpose. Ad#104656

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: NEW SCOTLAND HOLDINGS LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 19, 2016. Office location: The Mailing Address of the limited liability company's office is 791 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, New York 12208. County of Albany. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC at 791 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, New York 12208. For any lawful purpose. Ad#107386

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: NICKOLL CR LLC. Certificate of Formation filed with Delaware Secretary of State, December 15, 2015. Application for Authority filed with NYS Department of State, December 23, 2015. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to c/o Dawn Homes Management LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, NY 12211. Ad#106038

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: NICKOLL VP LLC. Certificate of Formation filed with Delaware Secretary of State, December 15, 2015. Application for Authority filed with NYS Department of State, December 23, 2015. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and

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shall mail copy to c/o Dawn Homes Management LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, NY 12211. Ad#106032

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OLIB REALTY, LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed w/SSNY on 11/13/15. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#105142

LEGAL NOTICE

Petrecky Enterprises, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 12/28/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Dreyer Boyajian LLP, 75 Columbia St., Albany, NY 12210. General purpose. Ad#106927

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: PINE RIDGE CR LLC. Certificate of Formation filed with Delaware Secretary of State, December 15, 2015. Application for Authority filed with NYS Department of State, December 23, 2015. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to c/o Dawn Homes Management LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, NY 12211. Ad#106037

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: PINE RIDGE VP LLC. Certificate of Formation filed with Delaware Secretary of State, December 15, 2015. Application for Authority filed with NYS Department of State, December 23, 2015. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to c/o Dawn Homes Management LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, NY 12211. Ad#106030

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: POLLOCK CR LLC. Certificate of Formation filed with Delaware Secretary of State, December 15, 2015. Application for Authority filed with NYS Department of State, December 23, 2015. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County.

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Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to c/o Dawn Homes Management LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, NY 12211. Ad#106035

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: POLLOCK VP LLC. Certificate of Formation filed with Delaware Secretary of State, December 15, 2015. Application for Authority filed with NYS Department of State, December 23, 2015. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to c/o Dawn Homes Management LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, NY 12211. Ad#106029

LEGAL NOTICE

POMP&CLOUT LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed w/SSNY on 12/2/15. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#105139

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: Quail Holdings LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/04/2015. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: C/O Quail Holdings LLC, 159 Homestead Av # 2, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date. Ad#104699

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (LP) The name of the LP is Ridgehill DJC L.P. The Certificate of Limited Partnership of the LP was filed with the NY Secretary of State on December 23, 2015. The purpose of the LP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LP is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LP upon whom process against the LP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LP is c/o ADC, L.L.C., 435 Ridgehill Road, Schenectady, New York 12303. The names and business addresses of each general partner is available from the Secretary of State. The latest date on which

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the LP is to dissolve is January 31, 2015. The character or purpose of the LP is real estate. Ad#105542

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RIMKUNAS ENGINEERING, PLLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed w/SSNY on 10/27/15. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: Professional Engineering. Ad#105160

LEGAL NOTICE

Rose & Rex, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 1/4/16. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Michael A. Tognino, Esq., 84 Business Park Dr., Ste. 211, Armonk, NY 10536. General purpose. Ad#106198

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 1.The name of the Limited Liability Company is Safe Home Delmar, LLC 2. The Article of organization of the Limited Liability Company were filed on December 14, 2015 with the New York Secretary of State. 3. The office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County.

4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. 5. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process served to the Limited Liability Company to 14 Westphal Drive, Delmar, N.Y. 12054 6. The latest date to dissolve is indefinite. 7. The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to conduct all lawful activity. Ad#105245

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SANTANIELLO PROPERTIES, LLC

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of Santaniello Properties, LLC (the "LLC") were filed with the Department of State of New York ("SSNY") on 12/7/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process c/o the LLC, 31 Bradhaven Rd., Slingerlands, NY 12159. The LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes. Filer: Lavelle & Finn, LLP, 29 British American Bl., Latham, NY 12110 Ad#104659

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Sierra Investigative Group LLC, filed with the SSNY on 12/15/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is design-

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ated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 98 New York Ave., Smithtown, NY 11787. General purpose. Ad#105173

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SIMPLE BROTH LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed w/SSNY on 12/7/15. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#105137

LEGAL NOTICE

Suzuki Hospitality Group LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 1/19/16. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, c/o Bryan Rozenca, 29 Chase Rd., Ste. 26, Scarsdale, NY 10583. General purpose. Ad#107459

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: SWEET BASIL THAI RESTAURANT, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/14/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 370 Delaware Avenue, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#105995

LEGAL NOTICE

SWIFT HOLDINGS COMPANY, LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed w/SSNY on 11/12/15. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 217 Menands Rd., Loudonville, NY 12211. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#105162

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Sydney Hale Holdings, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 12/17/15. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 30 Iris St, Apt. 1, Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#104903

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of domestic formation of THE ROOSTER FACTORY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secretary of State (NS) on 10/19/2015, off. Loc.: Albany Co. NS design. as agt. upon whom process may be served, NY shall mail service of process (SOP) to NW

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Registered Agent LLC @ 90 State St STE 700 Office 40, NW Registered Agent LLC is design. as agt. for SOP at 90 State St STE 700 Office 40. Purpose: any lawful purpose. Ad#106923

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TJS 5 LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed w/SSNY on 11/10/15. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#105148

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: VILLAGE PARK DHC LLC. Certificate of Formation filed with Delaware Secretary of State, December 15, 2015. Application for Authority filed with NYS Department of State, December 23, 2015. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to c/o Dawn Homes Management LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, NY 12211. Ad#106016

LEGAL NOTICE

WALL STREET DEVELOPMENT LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed w/SSNY on 12/7/15. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#105138

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WILD EAST BREWING COMPANY LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed w/SSNY on 11/12/15. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#105146

LEGAL NOTICE

WOOSTER 41 LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/07/2015. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Pep Real Estate, 25 Howard St., 2nd Fl, NY, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#105276

LEGAL NOTICE

ZapwineZ, LLC, Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/8/2015. Office loc: Albany. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Tommaso Pipitone, 80 State St, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#104648



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■ **FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK**

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We are not the only ones with the habit of making New Year's resolutions at the turn of each calendar year. No, January marks that time of season when we hear from our elected officials on the state of our community; what challenges lie ahead, and what ideas they have to see to a prosperous year.

The popular topic at hand within our hometowns focuses on economic growth. Nothing passes the old-fashioned eye test better than seeing new construction pop-up in areas long neglected or under-utilized. You ask about progress, the next person only has to point to earth moving equipment down the road.

In Colonie, we're seeing progress being made along Albany-Shaker Road. The old Engle Farm will soon be converted to commercial property, bringing more business, jobs and commerce near Albany International Airport. Even the airport is getting in on the act, expanding our choices in flights with the introduction of JetBlue last month, and the return of

UnitedExpress underway — the latter of which promises to more than 100 high paying jobs to the Capital District alone.

How one can interpret residential trends depends on perspective. Experts say young Millennials are flocking to the urban locales of downtown Troy, Schenectady and Albany in search of favorable rent and entertainment a mere walk away. However, once those hipsters turn to moms and dads, they are swiftly lured to the surrounding school districts in the suburbs. Either number is going up. Ask any of our school districts in Colonie, Bethlehem or Guilderland.

Growth is good. It helps bring in the taxes, lowers or stabilizes our collective tax burden. But, that growth adds stress to our infrastructure and town services. Colonie Supervisor Paula Mahan has the town on task, and she will remind you that the town has been addressing infrastructure upgrades for the past several years. It may not pass the good ol' eye test mentioned before, but in Colonie, it's a

work in progress that's not apparent when also dealing with Clifton Park and Malta traffic, too.

Residents of Bethlehem have long been happy with their connection to the land. Five minutes away from downtown, another five minutes away from the country. Last October, we heard from town board hopefuls about maintaining the open space that remains in town. These past twenty years have seen several farms shutdown, giving way to subdivisions and new residents.

It's a delicate balance juggling the need to promote growth without destroying the alluring open spaces of our suburbs. Nonetheless, all of us live here for the purpose of getting away from the city, enjoying the quiet calm of the country and providing a safe haven for our children. Let's keep that in the forefront of the discussion every year.

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TALK BACK

The Spotlight welcomes feedback on this editorial or any other hot topics in the news. Email us at news@spotlightnews.com.

■ **GET TO KNOW ...**



**Jennifer Whalen,
Colonie Town
Councilwoman**
Resident: Colonie

**What television series
are you currently watching?**

Hell on Wheels.

**What is the most recent
movie you've seen?**

Unbroken.

Favorite music or musician?

I listen to a wide spectrum of music that represents feel good memories from different phases of my life from Van Morrison and Roxy Music, to Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra.

I also love Taylor Swift, Katy Perry and Adele. My favorite song, for the last two years that I play repeatedly, much to the displeasure of my two teenage boys, is the "Happy" song by Farrell. I love that song it pumps me up and makes me happy! I could

listen to it all day over and over.

**What are you reading right now and
would you recommend it?**

I just finished "All the Light You Cannot See." It is a beautiful book about a young blind French girl who survived the War. My children gave me Donald Trump's book for Christmas but I haven't started it yet. So far I've just glanced at the pictures. I also am reading the "Accidental Empress" by Alison Pataki. I liked her book the "Traitor's Wife" so I'm now reading her next one. I also adore Senator Gillibrand's book "Off the Sidelines" and would highly recommend it. I am in several pictures and it is now out in paperback. She is very inspirational to me and has been one of my closest friends since childhood.

Can you share a favorite local memory?

I loved waterskiing as a kid on the Mohawk River, it was really a thrill to waterski under the Thaddeus Koszciusko bridge.

**What would you consider
an ideal vacation?**

I am a winter sports enthusiast and have been alpine skiing since I was 5. My ideal vacation would be skiing with my boys, my husband, my brother and his family in Switzerland.

**If you could have dinner with any human
who has ever lived, who would it be and
why?**

Winston Churchill. He got a lot of business done at dinner, was entertaining and liked to talk policy.

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Bethlehem Town Supervisor John Clarkson was among several local and state officials sharing concerns with residents who attended an organizational meeting in protest of the gas line proposed for the area.

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From page 1 ... Gaining strength

Scotland and Berne will be affected as the new proposed pipeline travels 148 miles through New York as it transports gas fracked in Pennsylvania to Massachusetts. Future action meetings are planned to be held at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, where church leaders have become advocates against the pipeline, as it is proposed to run through church land bordering their cemetery.

"We have existed on this land for over 220 years. This is a place of peace and sanctuary and we would not see that destroyed," said Deb Weisheit, a member of the church's governing board, to the large crowd that came out for the meeting.

In 2014, New York State under Governor Andrew Cuomo succeeded in passing a law banning fracking, a process where

gas is extracted from shale beneath the Earth's surface to be converted to oil, from occurring in-state. Yet, the transport of fracked gas is not outlawed in New York, and as the pipeline transverses multiple states, the decision on whether the pipeline will be approved is left to a federal review board, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

According to Kinder Morgan, the largest pipeline company in the country, the 30-inch, 350-mile high-pressure pipeline will reduce oil costs in New England, while delivering "clean, environmentally friendly energy sourced domestically." The company points to their track record of having no past gas explosions - a fear of those opposed - as a measure of their reliability. As well, gaslines have existed in New York since the early 1950s, and this

new pipeline, a massive undertaking that spans five states, sees some of these older lines updated, as well as new routes added.

Those opposed, including a recent Harvard University study, which found two to three times the state-approved levels of methane gas are being inadvertently admitted during fracking, say the chemicals produced as a byproduct of the process are harmful to citizen health, including increased rates of cancer, and to the environment, exacerbating the effects of global warming.

While the company only applied to the FERC in September, they plan to begin construction of the pipeline next year, and have it completed by 2018. Neighbors say this fast start date has led Kinder Morgan to illegally send surveyors to trespass on land the pipeline is proposed to run through. At the meeting, several spoke of their stories of such instances.

Leslie Corey, a resident of the town of Nassua, N.Y., told of two instances, one months ago and one more recently where a surveyor as well as a security person claiming to be a police officer entered her property after she told them several times that they did not have permission to be there and surveyed her land.

"They showed me a tablet showing that they had permission to be there," she explained, describing the surveyors as two men with machetes. "Get out your deed and make sure you know your property lines. Even if you have given permission for them to be there, you can rescind that by filling out some forms."

"It is suggested that you call the police, take photographs of everything. That will help you when you make your police report," she said. The attorney general is currently investigating instances such as these, but Kinder Morgan has denied these claims.

Under eminent domain, should the pipeline be approved by the FERC, Kinder Morgan would be approved to take privately owned land where the pipeline would run through. However, this would not be effective until the pipeline is approved.

Those affected by the proposed pipeline should have already received notice of this from Kinder Morgan, and may have already seen land surveyors come by. SNYFGP is seeking those people out.

Larry LaSage, a resident of a development in Selkirk, as well, said he experienced a similar incident. Surveyors came, then trees were being cut down by National Grid. "From what I'm seeing, [the pipeline] looks like a done deal," he said. SNYFGP members suspect Kinder Morgan has struck a deal with National Grid to perform these clearings in time for pipeline construction.

Clarence Banks, a neighbor of Bethlehem Reformed Church warned of the potential hazard incurred should the pipeline's gas escape and infect town's water supply. "Once contamination gets in, that water is going to go to the whole town," he said. A recently-passed water protection Well Water Act requires companies like Kinder Morgan to test water supply before and after blasting, and if contamination is found, provide an alternative

water source until the problem is resolved. This bill was passed Albany County, Schenectady County and in Rensselaer County, where the fight against Kinder Morgan's new pipeline has been waging for several months now.

Additionally, Albany County has passed a measure asking the state to move to halt gas transport until a health assessment can be completed. A 401 water quality certificate must also be passed by the state and SNYFGP is urging the governor to not give this to Kinder Morgan.

"As Albany County Executive, I believe that one of my most important responsibilities is protecting the health of the residents of Albany County," said Albany County Executive Dan McCoy. "That is why last month I joined advocates and experts at the Capitol to call on the state to conduct a comprehensive study on the potential health impacts of this project."

"In the past the governor has called upon the expertise of experts to conduct thorough research

on the issue of fracking. It was based on that research and study that the state banned fracking in New York State. Now, we have another potential issue that could lead to health and safety implications and we need to make sure this issue is thoroughly studied before any decision is made. We can't be certain that current standards adequately protect public health and safety—our number one priority. That is why I am opposed to any natural gas infrastructure projects until formal, independently conducted, comprehensive health impact assessments are done."

"A state that banned fracking should not be allowing its transport," said Bob Connors, co-founder of SNYFGP. "I urge you to send letters to your public officials asking for the reform of the FERC and for a moratorium on fracked gas transport from Cuomo."

Reporter Ali Hibbs contributed to this piece.

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New study showing hearing aids reduce risk of cognitive decline. Wake-Up Call To Address Hearing Loss Now

Hearing loss is the most common chronic health condition affecting older adults. Despite numerous studies showing the link between hearing loss and the risk of cognitive decline, less than 75% of people with hearing loss who could benefit from hearing aids use them. A new study may provide the wake-up call that prompts them to finally seek help for their hearing loss.

The study, published in the prestigious Journal of the American Geriatrics Society, found no difference in the rate of cognitive decline between people with no reported hearing loss and people with hearing loss who used hearing aids. By contrast, cognitive decline is significantly accelerated for people who have hearing loss and don't use hearing aids.

"For the first time we are seeing evidence that hearing aids are a

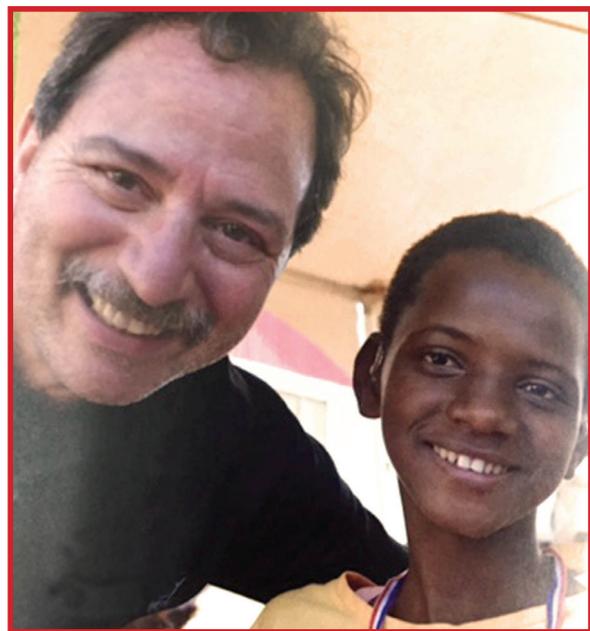
prevention against accelerated cognitive decline associated with hearing loss," says Robert LaCosta of Heart Ear Boutique in Glenmont. "Researchers agree that cognitive decline is likely related to the lack of social interaction that older adults have because of their hearing loss. The assumption has been that if people use hearing aids and thus become socially active again or are able to maintain an appropriate level of social activity then they would decrease their risk of a more rapid decline in cognitive skills. The new study appears to corroborate those assumptions."

"For the first time we are seeing evidence that hearing aids are a prevention against accelerated cognitive decline associated with hearing loss."

Robert LaCosta, Heart Ear Boutique



LaCosta offers complimentary hearing evaluations at his Glenmont office.



Office accepts used aids and donations for kids like this one pictured with LaCosta in Ghana, Africa.

LaCosta points out when the sound signals from your ears are compromised by hearing loss, your brain has to work even harder to fill in the gaps. This extra effort can take its toll. "The newest hearing aids with BrainHearing™ technology are designed for your brain, supporting the hard work it does," he explains. "The result is a more natural, effortless listening experience. This means less demanding mental processing throughout the day so you can engage more actively in everyday life."

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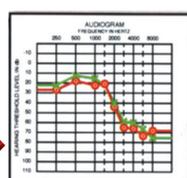
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